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Failure is not the end, it is a necessary part of the path.

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Abstract

The Western Ghats are an ancient mountain range with an origin dating back to the Late Jurassic, with an extraordinarily diverse and endemic flora. The biodiversity of these sky islands has been influenced by the separation of India from Gondwana during the Late Jurassic period, and its ultimate collision with the Eurasian plate in the late Cretaceous. As a consequence, the flora of the Western Ghats has the potential to have accreted from several regions, including Africa, the Himalayas, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf. There is an emerging paradigm of tropical floras being geologically young and being driven by high rates of species turnover. However, the unique journey of the Indian subcontinent alludes to the presence of an entirely unique floristic diversity in the Western Ghats, which has not been empirically studied in depth to date. The aim of this thesis is to understand the temporal and geographic origins of the Western Ghats flora. A herbarium genomics approach was employed (Whole Genome Sequencing) to assemble DNA regions of species native or endemic to the Ghats and incorporate them into existing phylogenetic datasets of plant families with wider tropical distributions. Time-calibrated phylogenies and ancestral range evolution models were used to provide a synthetic view of the flora's origins using the families *Annonaceae*, *Begoniaceae*, *Chloranthaceae*, *Dipterocarpaceae*, *Ebenaceae*, *Lauraceae*, *Sapotaceae*, and *Zingiberaceae* as representatives. The ancestral area reconstructions show that the Western Ghats flora originated predominantly from the regions of Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf during the Miocene-Pliocene period, showing a flora strongly influenced by geologically recent dispersal rather than ancient vicariance.

Lay Summary

In a world where biodiversity loss has become an endless challenge, learning all that we can about our forests is important. The focus of this study was to explore the geological ages and geographic origins of the unusual plants in the mystical Western Ghats of India. The Ghats are a tropical mountain range, situated between the western coast of India and the Deccan Plateau. They were formed when the landmass of India separated from the supercontinent Gondwana in the Late Jurassic about 150 million years ago. They are over 1,600km long, with the highest peak standing over 2,500 m above sea level. These tropical rainforests are home to a vast diversity of flora and fauna and account for one of thirty-six biodiversity hotspots in the world. There are approximately 1,200 species of plant found nowhere else in the world present in the Western Ghats today.

Recent studies on geologically younger tropical montane systems such as those of the Andes and the Malesian Archipelago show plant diversity in these ranges is geologically young with high rates of species turnover. The Western Ghats unlike these ranges are geologically older and carry with them the potential for a very different story. When the Indian subcontinent separated from Gondwana, it embarked on a c.100 Ma voyage across the Tethys Sea, encountering cycles of extreme climate, volcanism, a meteor collision, and mass extinctions along the way. Instead of having a young flora, there is the possible retention of plants from the ancient continent of Gondwana. Coupled with the chaotic history of the subcontinent, this gives the potential for the presence of an entirely unique floristic diversity in the Western Ghats.

This study looks to explore the ages and origins of the unique plants of the Ghats with the help of time-calibrated evolutionary trees (phylogenies) and ancestral area reconstructions using eight flowering plant families as representatives. DNA was extracted from samples of from endemic or native taxa from the Ghats and used to create dated phylogenies for the plant families *Annonaceae*, *Begoniaceae*, *Chloranthaceae*, *Dipterocarpaceae*, *Ebenaceae*, *Lauraceae*, *Sapotaceae*, and *Zingiberaceae*. The ancestral area reconstructions showed the flora of the Western Ghats to have originated in the Miocene-Pliocene period starting about 23 million years ago, largely from the regions of Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf by methods of dispersal.

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Chapter One

Introduction

Setting the Stage



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1.1 Introduction

Plant biodiversity is unequally distributed across the globe, with some areas having much higher species richness than others, particularly tropical regions. This high species richness closer to the equator (the latitudinal diversity gradient (LDG)), is likely caused by multiple factors and has been in existence for more than 100 Ma (Willig et al., 2003). Hypotheses proposed to explain the LDG include those based on environmental factors, such as environmental stability and productivity (Pianka, 2010; Wright, 1983), as well as those based on historical factors, such as speciation rates (Gaston and Blackburn, 1996). Within the LDG, disproportionately high species numbers are a feature of tropical montane regions with diversity peaking at the intermediate elevations (Schwery et al., 2015). Similar mechanisms to those underpinning the LDG have been suggested to account for this pattern, albeit at a smaller scale (Pianka, 2010). In addition to species richness, the floristic composition of tropical floras varies from region to region, with otherwise functionally similar vegetation types being composed of very different species cohorts.

Explaining these deviations from the null hypothesis of everything being everywhere is a key question in the field of biogeography, and to answer it we need to know where the species in these hotspots have come from in terms of their age and geographic origin, as well as the relative influence of vicariance, dispersal and in-situ diversification on the build up of diversity. A phylogenetic approach has shown that for plants, global patterns of distribution are potentially driven more by dispersal than vicariance (Sanmartín and Ronquist, 2004). Mountain ranges such as the Andes, the Himalayas, and the Afromontane and Malay archipelagos are relatively well studied with respect to investigations of their age and origin of flora. A paradigm is emerging of these montane floras as being geologically young and mobile (Atkins et al., 2020; Gizaw et al., 2016; Madriñán et al., 2013). However, these are all geologically young ranges and vicariant and relict floras are not a likely hypothesis for them. To fully understand the remarkable species richness and endemism of tropical montane floras, investigations of geologically older systems are needed, hence the focus of this project is the age and origin of the flora of the magnificent Western Ghats of India.

1.2 The Indian Subcontinent through the ages

1.2.1 Pangea and Gondwanaland, and the birth of the Indian Subcontinent

The biological history of the Western Ghats is tightly entwined with the history of the Indian subcontinent itself. The subcontinent of India contains the Dharwar Craton, an ancient mass of crust and lithosphere which is c.3.2 billion years old and makes up most of Peninsular India (Lal, 2016; Pandey, 2014). Approximately 340

million years ago (mya) the landmasses of Euroamerica and Gondwana along with the Ural Mountains (295 mya), and fragments of China, Tibet, and Southeast Asia combined to form the supercontinent Pangea (Cox et al., 2016). This supercontinent then separated into Laurasia and Gondwana (Klaus et al., 2016; Veevers, 2004) c.200 – 230 mya (Müller et al., 2016). Between these two existed a body of water referred to as the Tethys Sea (Cox and Moore, 2005). The geological landmass of Gondwana then proceeded to disperse into the (sub)continents of South America, Africa, India, Antarctica and Australia in a process that began approximately 160 mya (Prasad *et al.*, 2009).

Post this separation the landmass began its mega-annus voyage across the Tethys Sea towards the Eurasian plate (Briggs, 2003; Mateo et al., 2017). India separated from Madagascar c.96-84 mya due to the Marion hotspot plume, and continued with its upward journey post this split (Briggs, 2003). The Marion hotspot plume is said to have aggravated and induced the split, prior to which Madagascar was sliding south along the faulted edge of India (Briggs, 2003). The subcontinent separated from the Seychelles c.65 mya and collided with the Eurasian plate c.55 mya forming the Himalayas (Briggs, 2003). There is tilt to the Indian subcontinent that occurred first when it split from Madagascar and then later when it collided with Eurasia (Subrahmanya, 1994). As the landmass moved northeast it rotated anti-clockwise, this rotation became more pronounced after it split from the Seychelles (Gnos *et al.*, 1997).

The Late Cretaceous period witnessed global mass extinctions (Keller, 2008; Samant and Mohabey, 2014). The subcontinent of India witnessed an enormous volcanic event that is thought to have magnified these extinctions (Chatterjee and Rudra, 1996; Joshi and Karanth, 2013). It has also been suggested that these mass extinctions were exacerbated by meteor collisions at the time, as the impact of these collisions may have made the effects of eruption more pronounced (Chatterjee and Rudra, 1996; Morley, 2000). The Deccan traps cover most of northern peninsular India and parts of central India extending out into the Arabian Sea (Bhatia et al., 2021; Chatterjee and Rudra, 1996). They sit just above the Dharwar Craton and are one of the largest basalt flood plains (Joshi and Karanth, 2013). The lava from this eruption covered much of northern peninsular India implying south India became a biological refugia, retaining wet forest taxa of the area (Joshi and Karanth, 2013). Evidence of this wet forest taxa has been found in perfectly preserved fossils in the Deccan Traps (Bhatia et al., 2021; Morley, 2000; Rust et al., 2010).

Now, the country sits between the Indo-Malayan, Afro-tropical and Eurasian biogeographic regions (Reddy et al., 2015). Logic dictates that upon separation the Indian landmass was subjected to a period of isolation where floral or faunal exchange would have been incredibly rare, however there is fossil evidence to show otherwise (Bossuyt, 2004; Briggs, 2003; Morley, 2018).

1.2.2 Formation and geography of the Western Ghats

India separated from the supercontinent Gondwana between the Late Jurassic and early Cretaceous period (Briggs, 2003; Chatterjee et al., 2013) resulting in the formation an extremely large and distinct mountain range – the Western Ghats (Figure 1.1). Its subsequent collision with the Eurasian plate created another equally distinct and large range – the Himalayas (Ali and Aitchison, 2008; Chatterjee et al., 2013). The Ghats being the older of the two are really an escarpment of the Deccan plateau, they are the result of shearing, of the Indian landmass from the rest of Gondwana (Gunnell, 1997; Radhakrishna et al., 2019; Ray et al., 2009). This faulted edge range is one of the oldest tropical mountain ranges in the world (c.150 mya) and when combined with the island of Sri Lanka is considered one large biodiversity hotspot (Bossuyt, 2004). They span a total length of 1,600 km running from the state of Gujarat in the north to the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu in the south (Gunawardene *et al.*, 2007). This discontinuous mountain range is bordered by the Western coast and the Arabian Sea on the left and the Deccan Plateau on the right. The entire mountain chain can be divided into three major sections – the Northern, Central and Southern Western Ghats (Joshi and Karanth, 2013).

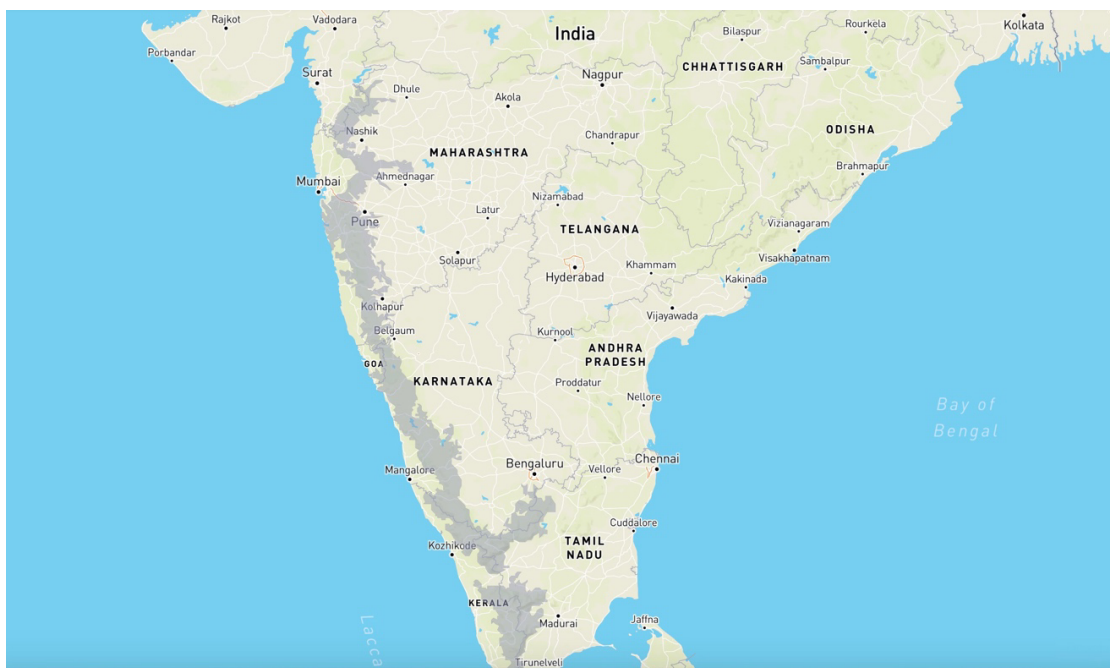


Figure 1.1: Peninsular India with the colour grey demarcating the boundaries of the Western Ghats.

Image taken from indiabiodiversity.org.

The range sometimes called sky islands (Robin *et al.*, 2010) house four known and named gaps – the Goa, Moyar (Mysore), Palakkad (Palghat) and Shencottah gaps (Figure 1.2). Each break has a different geological age and size (Robin *et al.*, 2010). The subcontinent has three shield separated by three gorges – (1) Moyar-Bhavani Shield; (2) Palghat-Cauvery Shield, and (3) Achankovil Shield; all of which cut into the Ghats (Lal, 2016; Sacks *et al.*, 1997). The Goa gap was formed in the late Cretaceous period (Robin *et al.*, 2010) and shares a boundary with the southern edge of the Deccan Traps (Van Bocxlaer *et al.*, 2012). The Moyar Gorge or Mysore Ditch is a valley with an average depth of c.450m and is the river basin for the Moyar river a tributary of the Kaveri (Anoop *et al.*, 2010). The widely known Palghat or Palakkad gap is a 30-40 km wide gorge in the Southern Western Ghats (Robin *et al.*, 2010; Joshi and Karanth, 2013). The 7km wide Shencottah gap is located further south of the Palghat gap (Robin *et al.*, 2010). The severely fragmented nature of this range gives potential for biodiversity to vary throughout it. Studies have found biodiversity variation within and on either side of these gorges (Anoop *et al.*, 2010; Robin *et al.*, 2010; Rajasri *et al.*, 2017).

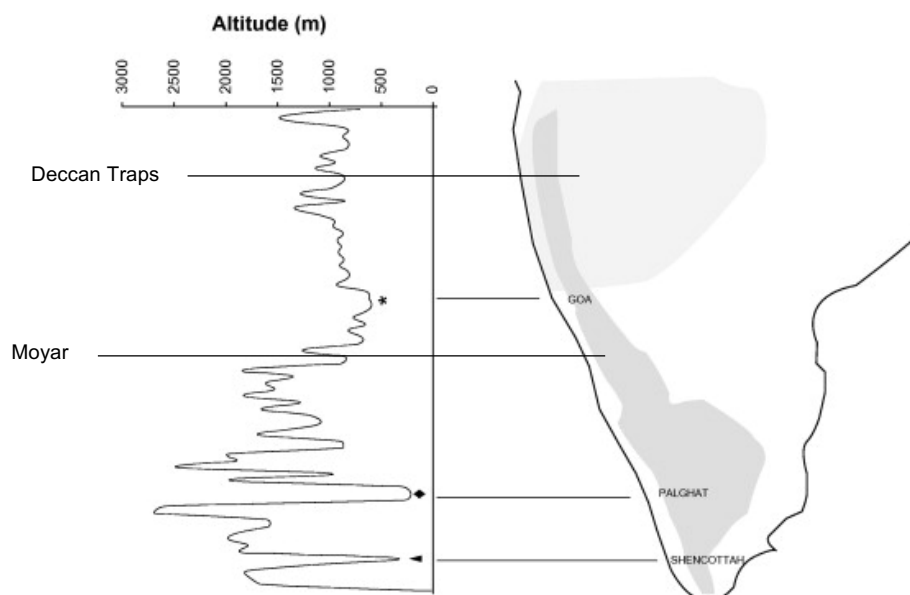


Figure 1.2: Peninsular India showing the Western Ghats in dark grey.

The Deccan Traps in light grey and lines extending outwards to show breaks in the chain. Image taken from (Van Bocxlaer *et al.*, 2012) and edited to show the Moyar or Mysore Gorge whose approximate location was taken from (Meißner *et al.*, 2002).

1.2.3 Topography and Climate

India is more commonly thought of as a tropical country. In reality only the peninsular portion of the country lies in the tropical belt while its upper quarter lies in the temperate belt (Morley, 2000). In terms of the climate this translates as the subcontinent being a gradient of per humid to seasonal depending on latitude. High biodiversity within the country can be attributed to the heterogenous nature of environments across its latitude (which affects climate and temperature) and terrain. India has a wide range of physical features ranging from mountains to deserts. Relief features in the country are the Northern Plains, the Coastal Plains, the Thar Desert, the Deccan Plateau, the Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats, part of the Himalayas, the Gir, Aravalli, Satpura and Vindhyan mountain ranges (Mani, 1974). The Western Ghats also known as the Nilgiri, Cardamom or Sahyadri hills have a total of 74 peaks. The tallest peak Anaimudi is located in the state of Kerala standing at an elevation of 2,695 m above sea level (Rajesh and Prakashkumar, 2012) while the second tallest peak, Doddabetta, Tamil Nadu (Suprit and Shankar, 2008) stands at an elevation of approximately 2,637 m above sea level (Rajesh and Prakashkumar, 2012).

The subcontinent witnesses an extended monsoon from June to December. The monsoons are responsible for water availability within the country, keeping most of the rivers and their surrounding lands from drought. The Western Ghats are the first barrier rain bearing clouds from the Arabian Sea encounter on the peninsula (Gunnell and Fleitout, 1998; Venkatesh and Jose, 2007), making them an excellent sanctuary for megathermal wet forests. Together with the Himalayas, the Ghats responsible for orographic rain over the country (Gunnell and Fleitout, 1998; Morley, 2003). Rainfall abundance has been found to vary throughout these ranges as well (Venkatesh and Jose, 2007). The combination of the subcontinent's topographic diversity, climate and water availability makes for a very diverse flora and fauna in its last remaining rain forests, i.e., the Western Ghats and the Himalayas.

1.3 A Rich and Endemic Biota

1.3.1 Floristic Biodiversity



Figure 1.3: Madapura Range, Kodagu District, Karnataka, September 2022.

The combination of its age, latitude, topography and climate makes the biodiversity of the Western Ghats (Figure 1.3) unique (Dray, 2003; Sundarapandian and Swamy, 2015). It is home to approximately 5,588 species of plants of which there are c.1,200 that are endemic (Prakash, 2015). Endemism is higher in the south past the Palghat gap (Davidar et al., 2005; Gopal et al., 2023; Ramesh et al., 2010). Studies conducted in the Ghats have indicated that the floristic diversity of the region is correlated with seasonality (Dray, 2003; Gunawardene *et al.*, 2007; Ramesh *et al.*, 2010). The season between the two monsoon events is said to play a major role in the floristic composition of the subcontinent (Davidar *et al.*, 2005). Vegetation in the Ghats varies depending on the area and the amount of rainfall it receives. The Western Ghats is a combination of montane, evergreen, scrub and deciduous forests, and grasslands (Anoop et al., 2010; Reddy et al., 2015; Sundarapandian and Swamy, 2015).

Each gap in the mountain chain plays a significant role in the climate and accordingly their vegetation (Anoop *et al.*, 2010; Rajasri *et al.*, 2017). Biodiversity is different on either side as well as within these gorges (Anoop *et al.*, 2010; Robin *et al.*, 2010; Rajasri *et al.*, 2017). The flora in the Southern Western Ghats is said to be similar to the flora of Sri Lanka (Gunawardene et al., 2007). Similarities in the flora are seen in the lowland dry forests of Sri Lanka and the Western Ghats (Gunawardene et al., 2007). The Ghats are an area of high and unequally distributed biodiversity (Prasad *et al.*, 2009). This unequal distribution and clustering of biodiversity forms hotspots scattered throughout the Ghats adding to its already non-homogenous flora.

1.3.2 Faunal Biodiversity

High rates of endemism of night frogs (*Nyctibatrachidae*) developed within the Ghats due to their prolonged period of isolation in the Cretaceous, along with minimal interactions with other landmasses (Van Bocxlaer et al., 2012). A similar trend of endemism having evolved in isolation was observed in a clade of pig-nosed frogs (*Nasikabatrachidae*) from the Jurassic period which have descendants in the Southern Western Ghats (Dutta et al., 2004). That India retained components of biodiversity from Gondwana is also evidenced from studies of another primitive amphibian, *Philautus*, in the Central Western Ghats (Gururaja et al., 2007) and the centipede genus *Ethmostigmus* (Joshi and Edgecombe, 2019).

1.3.3 A Biogeographic Conundrum

Tropical rainforests have the potential to be both refugia and areas of recent diversification, making them a combination of both vicariant and dispersed floras. A phylogenetic approach has shown that for plants biogeographic patterns are driven more by dispersal than vicariance (Sanmartín and Ronquist, 2004). Having once been contiguous with the East coast of Africa and Madagascar, the Western Ghats have many potential biogeographic links. Their connections to the landmasses of Africa, Antarctica, Australia, Madagascar, and the Seychelles indicate the potential for having retained Gondwanan elements (Morley, 2000) by virtue of vicariance. This is evidenced by the several lineages of Gondwanan fauna recently found in the Ghats (Dutta et al., 2004; Johnson et al., 2022; Joshi and Edgecombe, 2019; Joshi and Karanth, 2013; Van Bocxlaer et al., 2012). However, their somewhat isolated movement through the latitudes over the geological epochs suggest their flora having changed quite dramatically over the last 100 Ma, as unlike fauna, plant distribution ranges are potentially influenced by their better ability to disperse. Until recently studies with respect to age and origin of biodiversity in the Ghats have predominantly focused on fauna, leaving a research gap for historical biogeographic studies on the flora.

Much of the research on tropical montane systems has focused on regions that are geologically young, such as the Andes and the Malesian Archipelago. In comparison, the Western Ghats are much older, and their flora may harbour older elements. Through the geological epochs, the Ghats have witnessed severe climate change, volcanism, global mass extinctions, etc. They have also experienced floral and faunal exchange via dispersal (Morley, 2018) and the evolution of endemics as a result of isolation (Chatterjee et al., 2013), making their flora entirely unique. The fantastical journey of the Indian subcontinent alludes to the presence of an entirely unique floristic diversity in the Western Ghats, that has not been given enough attention until recently.

1.4 Aim and Objectives

1.4.1 Aim

The aim of this thesis is to understand the temporal and geographic origins of the Western Ghats flora. This can be achieved using dated molecular phylogenetic techniques and biogeographic modelling, showing the build-up of species over geological time from areas surrounding the Indian subcontinent.

1.4.2 Objectives

Sampling design: Build a primary checklist of the flora of the Western Ghats to identify angiosperm families to use as biogeographic models. Chose families representing a range of growth forms and geological ages and have existing datasets that can be built upon with taxa native or endemic to the Western Ghats. Use taxa from the selected families for the following objectives.

DNA sequencing and assembly: Extract DNA from herbarium and field samples from samples of the selected families native or endemic to the study area, and perform genome skimming using next generation short-read sequencing. Assemble DNA regions matching existing datasets for each family and align all samples.

Phylogenetics: Produce time calibrated phylogenies for each family using the software package BEAST (Suchard et al. 2018) based on secondary calibrations.

Biogeographic reconstructions: For the selected families, reconstruct ancestral areas across their dated phylogeny using the package BioGeoBEARS (Matzke, 2013).

Data synthesis: Collate ages and areas of origin for each immigration event into the Western Ghats from this study and other published research to show the overarching patterns of arrival into the region.

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Chapter Two

Methods

Leaves to Trees



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2.1 Checklist

The Western Ghats are home to approximately 5,588 species of native plants of which c.1,200 are endemic to the region (Nayar et al., 2014; Prakash, 2015). To better understand the diversity of these sky-islands, a checklist was collated from published studies and previously created databases generated for the area. Where available, each record included the following details – species name, family, location, state, district, altitude, latitude, longitude, endemism, basis of record, and source of record. The most recent version of this working checklist (Appendix A.2) has approximately 11,878 specimens with roughly 5,000 species for a total of 177 families, with species diversity being highest in the Southern Western Ghats. It elaborates how the Western Ghats are a truly biodiverse tropical mountain range that are a key element to our understanding of tropical rainforests. The checklist was used to evaluate and identify the best taxa to be used as representatives for this study.

2.2 The Chosen Families

The eight chosen families were spread across the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG) IV (The Angiosperm Phylogeny Group, 2016) phylogeny (Figure 2.1) covering a range of habits and ages. Families were chosen based on biogeographic importance – prior existence on the Gondwanan landmass and their potential ability to corroborate a vicariant origin flora in the Western Ghats. Each family was also chosen for this project based on the availability of viable legacy data, in the form of existing sequence data that could be used to make a phylogeny with broad geographic sampling. Table 2.1 provides a list of the families that were chosen, the loci that were used for bioinformatics and the number of taxa this study added to existing phylogenies.

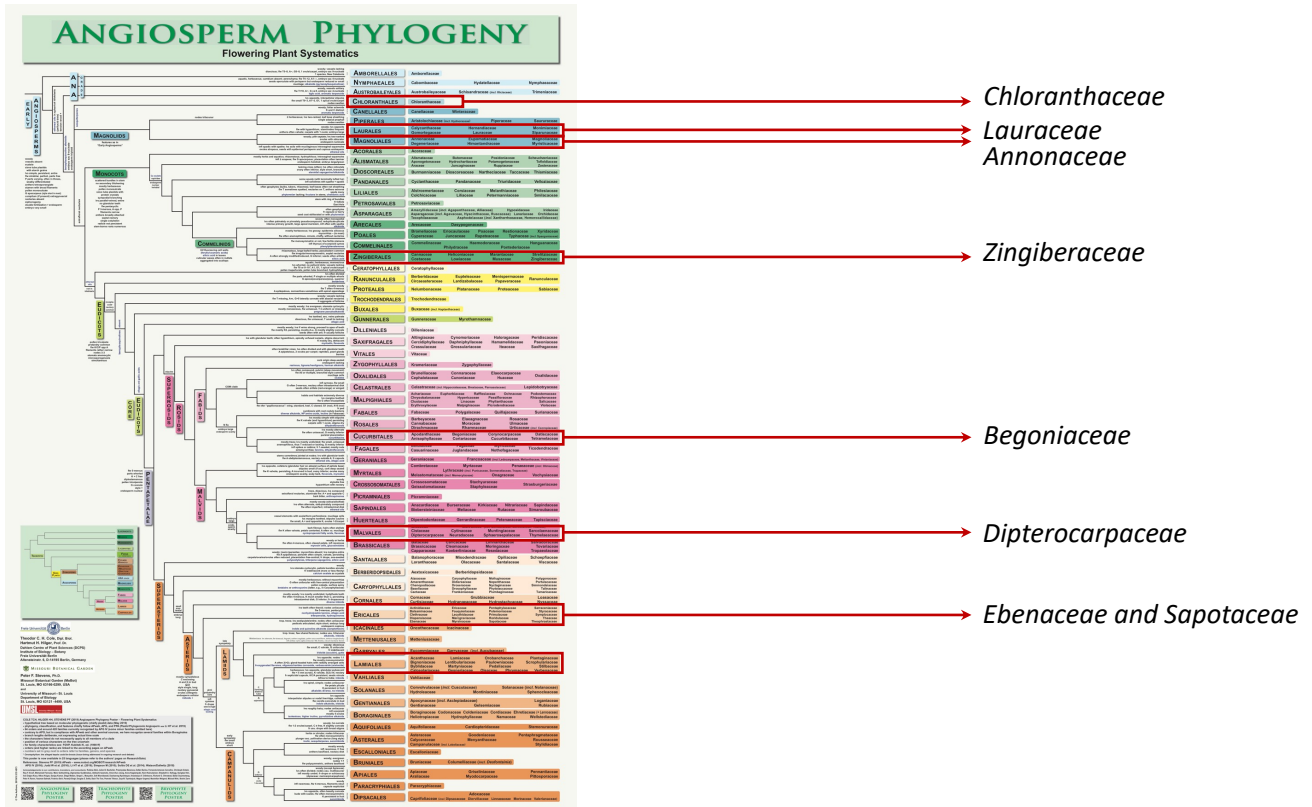


Figure 2.1: Angiosperm Phylogeny (APG IV) indicating the selected families for this project and their placement within the phylogeny.

Annonaceae

Annonaceae is an early diverging pantropical family of the order *Magnoliales* (Stevens, 2001 onwards). The family hosts c.2,400 species and covers a range of habits – lianas, shrubs, and trees (Couvreur et al., 2019; Xue et al., 2020). Taxa are dispersed through birds and primates (Xue et al., 2020). Fossils of *Annonaceae* have been found in the Deccan Traps dating back to the Paleocene epoch (Bhatia et al., 2021; Wheeler et al., 2017), making the family an excellent candidate for the exploration of the Western Ghats flora. There are c.60 species of *Annonaceae* endemic/native to the Ghats (Nayar et al., 2014), 21 of which were examined in this study.

Begoniaceae

Begoniaceae belongs to the order *Cucurbitales* (Stevens, 2001 onwards) and has two genera – the monotypic genus *Hillebrandia* and the pantropical genus *Begonia* L. (Moonlight et al., 2018). The genus *Begonia* L. consists of c.2,120 species (Hughes et al., 2015-) in the form of herbs and shrubs. It is the sixth largest genus in the world

(Moonlight et al., 2018) with much of this species richness found in Asia and America (Dewitte et al., 2011). There are approximately 17 species of *Begonia* L. endemic/native to the Western Ghats (Nayar et al., 2014), 10 of which were included in the final analysis.

Chloranthaceae

Chloranthaceae is an early diverging family that belongs to the order *Chloranthales* (Antonelli and Sanmartín, 2011; Zhang et al., 2015). It has four genera that cover a range of habits – herbs, shrubs, and trees (Doyle and Endress, 2018). The family boasts a rich fossil record from the Cretaceous epoch with c.70 extant species (Antonelli and Sanmartín, 2011; Doyle and Endress, 2018; Zhang et al., 2015). A single taxa is found native to the Ghats (Nayar et al., 2014).

Dipterocarpaceae

Dipterocarpaceae is a pantropical tree family that belongs to the order *Malvales* (Heckenhauer et al., 2017), and dominates the forests of Southeast Asia (Kooyman et al., 2019). It has approximately 695 species with diversity being the highest in Asia (Sanil et al., 2022). Fossil evidence of the family has been found from the Cretaceous – Paleocene epochs (Kooyman et al., 2019; Sanil et al., 2022), along with amber in the Deccan Traps from the Eocene (Rust et al., 2010). The family has both winged and wingless fruit, taxa with winged fruit are wind dispersed (Heckenhauer et al., 2017; Morley, 2018). There are 18 species of *Dipterocarpaceae* endemic/native to the Western Ghats (Nayar et al., 2014; Sanil et al., 2022), 16 of which were examined in this study.

Ebenaceae

Diospyros is the largest genus in the family *Ebenaceae*, order *Ericales*. (Linan et al., 2019; Samuel et al., 2019). It is a pantropical genus that consists of approximately 890 species (Linan et al., 2019), comprising of mostly shrubs and trees (Duangjai et al., 2009). There is fossil evidence of the family from the Cretaceous period (Bansal et al., 2021; Linan et al., 2019). The Western Ghats house approximately 29 species of *Diospyros* (Nayar et al., 2014), of which this study examined 11.

Lauraceae

Lauraceae is an early diverging family that belongs to the order *Laurales* (Stevens, 2001 onwards). The family has c.3,500 species and can be found in the tropical and temperate zones (Chanderbali et al., 2001; Huang et al., 2016; Song et al., 2020). The family boasts a rich fossil history in the Deccan Traps (Bhatia et al., 2021), with potential Gondwanan origins (Chanderbali et al., 2001; Rohwer, 2000). Seeds are dispersed by large fruit eating birds (Stevens, 2001 onwards). There are c.70 or so species endemic/native to the Western Ghats (Nayar et al., 2014), this study examined 17.

Sapotaceae

Sapotaceae is a shrub and tree family that belongs to the order *Ericales* (Anderberg and Swenson, 2003; Stevens, 2001 onwards). The pantropical family has c.1,100 species (Anderberg and Swenson, 2003, 2005). There is fossil evidence for *Sapotaceae* from the Paleocene epoch found in the Deccan Traps (Bhatia et al., 2021). Seeds are dispersed by animals that consume fruit (Stevens, 2001 onwards). 18 species of the family are endemic/native to the Western Ghats (Nayar et al., 2014), this study examined 8.

Zingiberaceae

Zingiberaceae is a pantropical monocot family that belongs to the order *Zingiberales* (Zhao et al., 2022; Stevens, 2001 onwards). This diverse family hosts c.1,200 species (Zhao et al., 2022). There is fossil evidence of *Zingiberaceae* that has been found in the Deccan Traps, from the KT boundary, indicating towards a possible Gondwanan origin (Zhao et al., 2022). There are approximately 58 or so taxa of *Zingiberaceae* that are endemic/native to the Ghats (Nayar et al., 2014), 25 of them were examined in this study.

Family	Loci	Number of taxa added
<i>Annonaceae</i>	matK, ndhF, rbcL, ycf1, atpB, trnS, trnL, and trnH (Xue et al., 2020)	10
<i>Begoniaceae</i>	nadh, ndhF, and trnL (Moonlight et al., 2018)	10
<i>Chloranthaceae</i>	ITS (Zhang et al., 2015)	1
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i>	matK, trnL, and trnF (Sanil et al., 2022)	1
<i>Ebenaceae</i>	atpB, rbcL, matK, and trnS (Turner et al., 2013)	7
<i>Lauraceae</i>	ITS (Chanderbali et al., 2001; Huang et al., 2016; Song et al., 2020)	17
<i>Sapotaceae</i>	ITS (unpublished, Kumarage 2016)	5
<i>Zingiberaceae</i>	matK (unpublished, Kumarage 2016)	15

Table 2.1: Selected families, the respective loci used for bioinformatic and phylogenetic analyses, and the number of Western Ghats taxa that have been added.

2.3 Sample Acquisitions

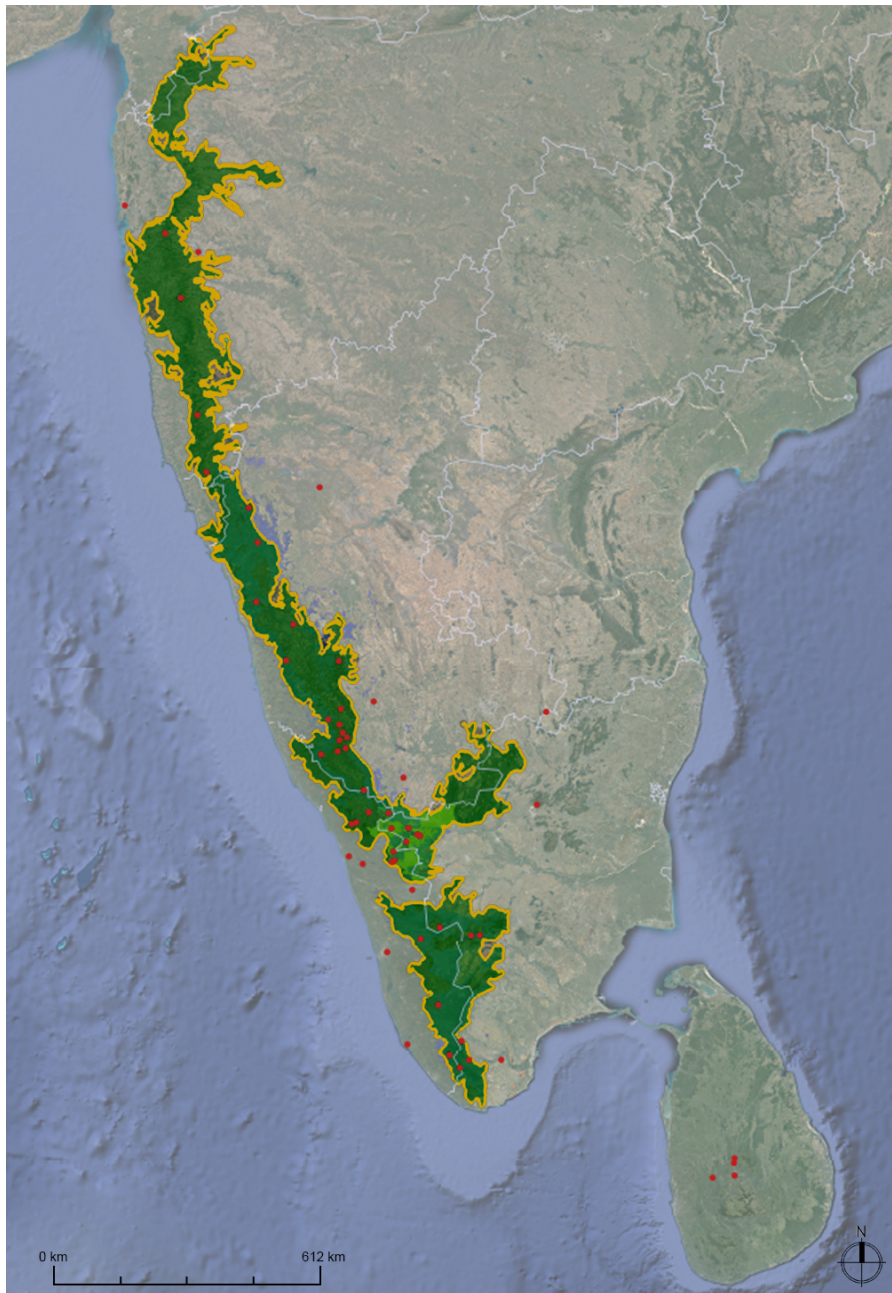


Figure 2.2: Western Ghats boundary map depicting locations of all sequenced samples that were used in this project.

2.3.1 Herbaria

Portions of leaf material were removed from herbarium material using destructive sampling methods. Specimens were acquired from two herbaria – Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) and Royal Botanic Garden Kew (KEW). Samples were collected from the following angiosperm families – *Annonaceae*, *Begoniaceae*, *Chloranthaceae*, *Ebenaceae*, *Lauraceae*, *Sapotaceae* and *Zingiberaceae*. Samples were chosen based on the quality of the herbarium sheet and the ease of destructive sampling. Ease of destructive sampling being how much damage to the sheet destructive sampling would cause to the integrity of the sheet. Each of these samples were then stored in a grip seal bag and given a sample number, with respective details from the sheet recorded (Appendix A.1). The number of samples for each family varied, largely depending on what was available in the herbaria. The age of these specimens ranged from 50-200 years, a majority of them being colonial collections. The quality of these specimens was also very dependent on the methods of preservation that were used in the field once they were collected. This attributed to contamination that was visible in samples post extraction.

2.3.2 Field

Samples were collected from the Western Ghats forests of Karnataka and Kerala, in territorial forests and protected areas respectively. The total length of the Ghats from Gujarat to Kerala and Tamil Nadu spans c. 1,600 km. Field collections (Appendix A.1) were made over a length of c. 350 km between the states of Karnataka and Kerala. In the state of Karnataka, permission to collect botanical specimens was granted only for territorial forests (forests that do not fall under that category of a wildlife sanctuary or protected area). Collections were made in the territorial forests of the Kodagu district in the talukas of Madikeri and Somwarpet (Figure 2.3). In the state of Kerala, permission to collect botanical specimens was granted for protected areas and wildlife sanctuaries. Collections were made in two major wildlife sanctuaries that differ in forest type, composition, and rainfall – Bhavani Range, Silent Valley National Park (Figure 2.4), and Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary (Figure 2.5).

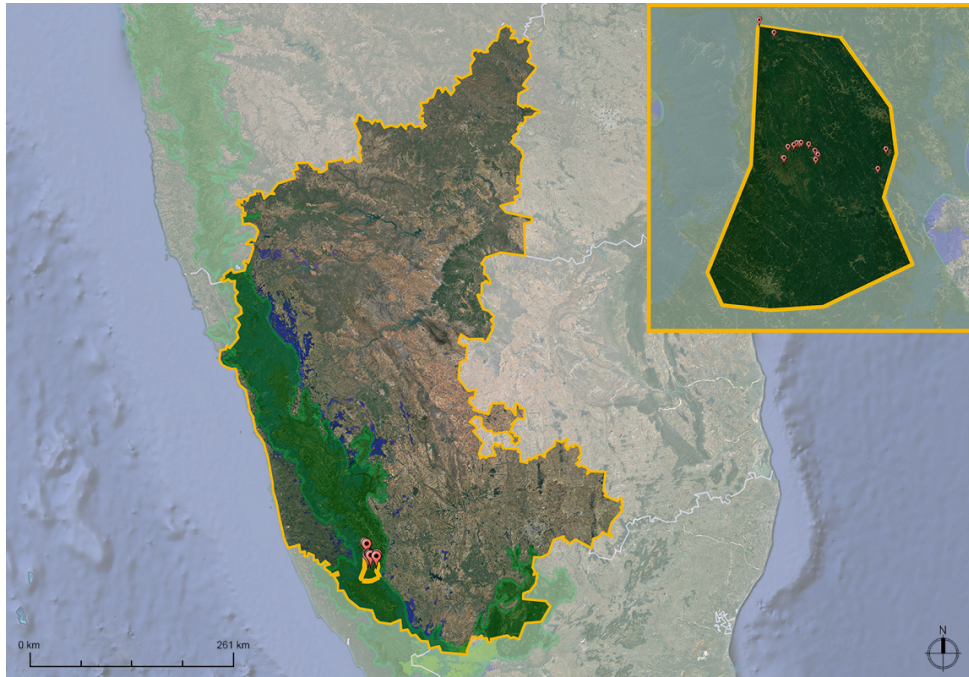


Figure 2.3: Specimen collection locations in the Kodagu district of Karnataka.

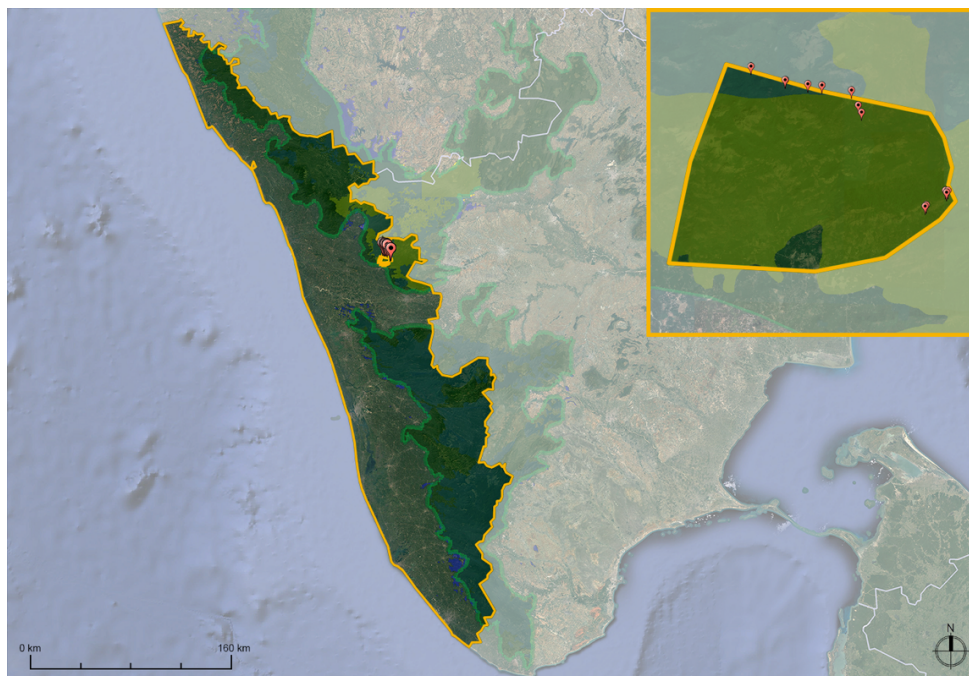


Figure 2.4: Specimen collection locations in Silent Valley National Park, Kerala.

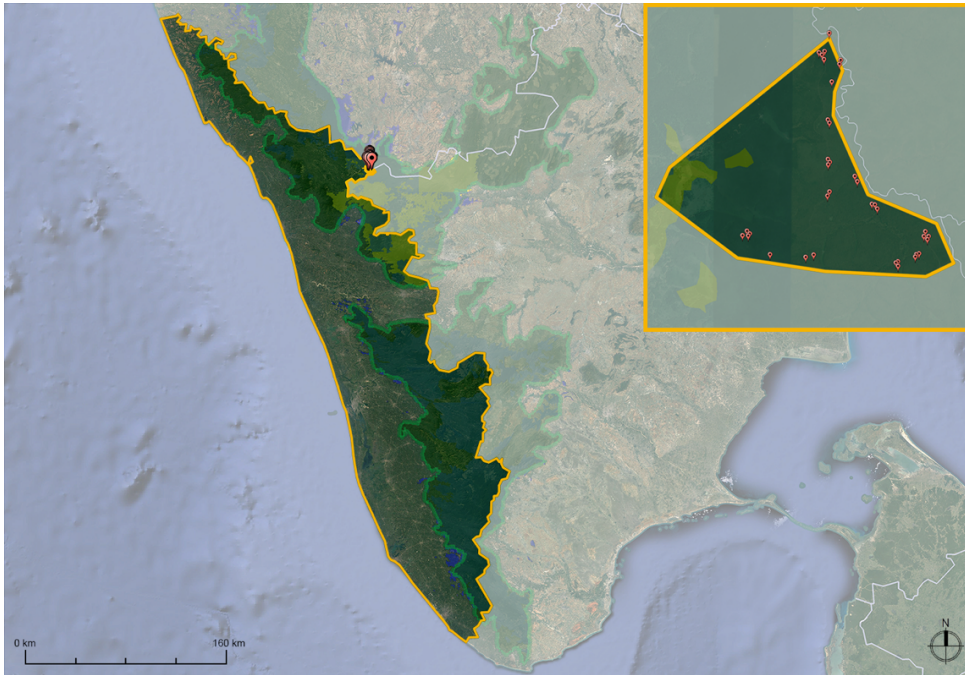


Figure 2.5: Specimen collection locations in the Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala.

Fieldwork was conducted during the monsoon months of August and September 2022. The wetness of the field season greatly affected the preservation of herbarium specimens. Some sheets were lost to mould due to the extremely high moisture content. Samples were collected in two forms – silica dried and herbarium. Where possible herbarium sheets were collected in triplicates for each specimen. Specimens were collected in the field and pressed in newspaper upon moving to a dry location. A leaf sample of c. 5 grams was collected in a tea bag and dehydrated using silica. At each point of collection, an image of the sample, its habit and the GPS coordinates of the area were taken. GPS coordinates were acquired using a Garmin eTex30 set to World Geodetic System 84 (WGS84). Collected specimens will be available at the Botanical Society of India herbarium, as agreed upon with the National Biodiversity Authority of India.

2.3.3 Collaborations

Collaborations with various institutes from around the world has been vital to this project. Sixteen samples of silica dried *Begoniaceae* were received from collaborators at the Calicut University Botanic Gardens (CUBG). An extraction of *Begonia malabarica* was received from the living collections at KEW. Raw sequence data for

the genus *Diospyros*, family *Ebenaceae* was exchanged with collaborators at KEW. Multi-fasta alignments and raw sequence data for the family *Annonaceae* were exchanged with collaborators at the Singapore Botanic Gardens (SBG).

2.4 Wet Lab

2.4.1 Extractions

DNA was extracted from 208 herbarium and silica dried leaf material belonging to eight angiosperm families using the Qiagen DNeasy Plant Mini Kit. The manufacturer's base protocol was altered to best fit the sample quality and type.

Herbarium material

DNA from herbarium leaf material was extracted using an altered DNeasy Plant Mini Kit protocol that proved to be highly effective at increasing the yield from highly degraded specimens (Forrest et al., 2019). The manufacturer's protocol was edited for extractions as follows. Samples were stored overnight in mixer mill tubes at -20°C with two tungsten beads to enable a finer grind. Each sample was extracted as replicates of four. 800µL of Buffer AP1 was added to each tube and the incubation period increased to an hour at 65°C. 260µL of Buffer P3 was added to each tube and the incubation period altered to 30 minutes at -20°C. The four replicates were combined and 1.5 times the output volume of Buffer AW1 was added to form a precipitate. The DNA was eluted twice using 0.1 TE solution to acquire a total volume of 65µL of extracted DNA. Some samples of *Begoniaceae* and *Sapotaceae* were subjected to two full rounds of this edited protocol as the DNA yield upon quantification was extremely poor. Sample information for herbarium specimens can be found in the Appendix (Appendix A.1).

Silica dried material

DNA from silica dried leaf collections was extracted using the Qiagen DNeasy Plant Mini Kit. The manufacturer's protocol was edited for the most effective outcome as follows. CUBG samples were stored overnight in mixer mill tubes at -20°C with two tungsten beads to enable a finer grind. 800µL of Buffer AP1 was added to each tube and the incubation period increased to an hour at 65°C. 260µL of Buffer P3 was added to each tube and the incubation period was altered to 30 minutes at -20°C. 1.5 times the output volume of Buffer AW1 was added to form a precipitate. The DNA was eluted twice using 0.1 TE solution to acquire a total volume of 70µL of extracted

DNA. Sample information for CUBG specimens can be found in the Appendix (Appendix A.1)

Field collections

Lab work for field collected samples was conducted at the Conservation Genetics lab at the Ashoka Trust for Research in Environment and Ecology (ATREE), Bengaluru. DNA from silica dried field collections was extracted using the Qiagen DNeasy Plant Mini Kit. The manufacturer's protocol was edited for the most effective outcome as follows. Field collections were freeze dried using liquid nitrogen and powdered using a mortar and pestle. This powder was then transferred to 1.5mL Eppendorf tube. 800 μ L of Buffer AP1 was added to each tube and the incubation period increased to an hour at 65°C. 260 μ L of Buffer P3 was added to each tube and the incubation period was altered to 30 minutes at -20°C. 1.5 times the output volume of Buffer AW1 was added to form a precipitate. The DNA was eluted twice using 0.1 TE solution to acquire a total volume of 70 μ L of extracted DNA. Sample information for field collections can be found in the Appendix (Appendix A.1)

Quantification

DNA quality and quantity was assessed using three methods - gel electrophoresis, spectrophotometry (NanoDrop) and fluorometry (Qubit) (Appendix A.1). Samples were quantified post extraction using a DeNovix DS11 FX. Gel images were acquired using an Agilent TapeStation and High Sensitivity D1000 ScreenTape.

2.4.2 Library Preparation

15 samples were chosen for library preparation as a test based on their DNA concentration values. Depending on length of fragments these samples were then sonicated using a Diagenode Bioruptor Pico Sonication Device. Libraries were made using a NEBNext® Ultra™ II DNA Library Prep with beads kit. The libraries were made for half volumes according to the manufacturer's protocol. Library quality and quantity was assessed using a 2100 Bioanalyzer Instrument and a DeNovix DS11 FX. The pooled libraries were sent to the genomics company Novogene for Whole Genome Sequencing for a maximum of 2GB of data per sample. Information on which samples were subjected to in-house library preparation can be found in the Appendix (Appendix A.1).

2.4.3 Whole Genome Sequencing

Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) or Genome Skimming is the process of using prepared DNA libraries to capture fragments of the genome that can be found without any definition. A total of 147 extraction were sent to Novogene for library preparation and Whole Genome sequencing (Illumina 150BP paired end) for a maximum of 2GB per sample. In the first round 131 herbarium extractions were sent off and 81 samples were returned in the form of viable raw data. 62% percent of the herbarium extractions survived sequencing. In the second round 16 samples were sent off for sequencing and 15 samples were returned in the form of viable data. 50 field collections were extracted and sent to the Bengaluru based company Genotypic for a maximum of 2GB of data per sample. All 50 samples were sequenced and returned in the form of raw data.

2.5 Bioinformatics

Raw Data from multiple sequencing jobs were processed and analysed on the UK CropDiversity – Bioinformatics HPC. In addition to the quality reports provided by sequencing companies, samples were assessed for quality using the package FastQC (Andrews, 2010). All raw data and their intermediate files are currently stored on CropDiversity HPC.

2.5.1 Pipeline

Samples were originally processed using a pipeline that was created using Hyb-Piper (Johnson et al., 2016) as the premise. This pipeline was heavily altered to maximise the output sequence quality as the initial method proved to be highly prone to data loss. The new pipeline was broken into three major parts and are explained in detail below – (i) Plastid region and ribosomal assembly from Whole Genome Sequencing, (ii) *de novo* Assembly using Geneious, and (iii) Concatenation of legacy and new data.

Reference Sequences and Legacy Data

Families were mapped to a reference from a previously published dataset. The reference was a multi-fasta file with several loci for a single species. The loci used to map were entirely dependent on existing datasets and how resolved their subsequent phylogenies were (Table 2.1). This document refers to data from previously conducted studies as Legacy Data. Data from published phylogenies for

the families *Chloranthaceae*, *Dipterocarpaceae*, *Ebenaceae*, and *Lauraceae* were pulled from GenBank using an R script (Baliga, 2020). The alignment for *Begoniaceae* was taken from Moonlight et al. (2018); the alignments for *Sapotaceae* and *Zingiberaceae* were taken from a currently unpublished PhD thesis (Kumarage, 2016). Further sampling from other published sources was taken from GenBank and added to the *Zingiberaceae* phylogeny. The *Annonaceae* phylogeny was received through collaboration with D.C. Thomas (Singapore Botanic Garden).

Legacy Miner Pipeline

Samples were originally processed using a pipeline (Legacy Miner) that was created with Hyb-Piper (Johnson et al., 2016) as the premise (unpublished, Wilson, 2021). The pipeline is a loop designed to take samples from raw to multi-fasta format using several next generation sequencing (NGS) packages. Samples were run through Trimmomatic 0.39-1 (Bolger et al., 2014), Bowtie2 2.4.5 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012), Samtools 1.9 (Li et al., 2009), and then consensus of the individual gene sequences was called using Kindel (Constantinides and L. Robertson, 2017). The individual genes were then concatenated and aligned using AMAS (Borowiec, 2016) and MAFFT (Kato et al., 2002) respectively.

Plastid Region Miner for Whole Genome Sequencing

The Plastid Region Miner (PRM) pipeline is a loop that takes whole-genome raw short-read sequence data and outputs it as a Binary Alignment Map (BAM) file containing aligned reads for a chosen DNA region. PRM for WGS goes through the following steps. Samples that had libraries prepared in house were trimmed for adapters using the package Trimmomatic 0.39-1 (Bolger et al., 2014) and mapped to a reference using Bowtie2 2.4.5 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). Samples that had libraries prepared by a sequencing company were sent directly to Bowtie2 2.4.5 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012) as they were returned pre-trimmed. Reference taxa were chosen from published alignments, to represent all the regions used in their respective datasets. Chosen reference taxa were close to the extracted species in the libraries. The resulting files were processed and unmapped reads removed to reduce file size using SAMtools 1.9 (Li et al., 2009).

BAM and SAM

Next Generation Sequencing produced large quantities of data and has revolutionised our understanding of our plant phylogenetics (Straub et al., 2012).

The short-read approach used in this study results in millions of reads which need to be assembled to produce desired contigs. Mapped and assembled reads are saved to Sequence Alignment Map (SAM) files or their zipped versions – BAM files (Li et al., 2009). Raw WGS reads mapped and assembled using the Legacy Miner pipeline (unpublished, Wilson 2021) produced extremely patchy contigs, with large portions of viable data missing from the consensus when viewed as their BAM formats. Files when read in their SAM format were far more informative as it was possible to see which bases within reads were either mismatched or marked for clipping.

CIGAR string

SAM files hold the following information – mapped reads, their quality, number of base pairs, etc. in the Compact Idiosyncratic Gapped Alignment Report (CIGAR) string. The CIGAR string is an informative set of numbers and letters, that tells you how many base pairs have matched the references, whether there have been any deletions and whether there have been any insertions. It is usually a number followed by a letter. The numerical value tells you the number of base pairs in the read that have been subjected to a specific function and the letter tells you what has been done to those base pairs. The CIGAR string also indicates how many base pairs in each read have been soft clipped.

Soft Clipping

Soft clipping masks region of reads that do not match the reference gene over a certain threshold (Catchen, 2013), this removes potentially unique variations from the mapped reads which are necessary for phylogenetic analyses. It also tends to indicate that the aligners are largely trying to match the repetitive regions and in doing so possibly misaligning reads. By deleting the variations soft clipping increases the match score for the remaining data which is more congruent to the reference (Catchen, 2013), thereby removing what could be useful data on species variability. To fix and include the soft-clipped data in the consensus, a method of altering the CIGAR strings was devised. BAM files containing mapped reads were subjected to a novel python script (unpublished, Pezzini, 2023; Van Rossum and L. Drake, 2009) that edit the CIGAR string annotations for each read from soft clip (S) to match/mismatch (M). The resulting outputs are unaligned mapped reads in BAM format.

To identify how Geneious dealt with previously soft clipped regions, a BAM file was converted to its SAM format and then viewed on command line. Geneious was found to alter soft clip annotations to insertions (I), so the Python script was edited

to reflect this. Conversion of the annotations 'S' to 'I' did not solve the problem, the resulting consensus files indicated that while the reads were now not trimmed due to soft-clipping, they were misaligned to each other. Although the issue of soft clipping was solved the next step was to ensure the correct alignment of mapped reads using *de novo* assembly.

De novo assembly with command line

de novo Assembly was attempted with the command line assembler Velvet 1.2.10 (Zerbino and Birney, 2008). The use of Velvet for *de novo* assembly proved to be unsuitable due to the number of samples and the number of genes for each sample, as Velvet required the identification of an appropriate kmer value for each gene of each species. To improve efficiency, *de novo* assembly was executed in Geneious with the help of a batch workflow for assembly and consensus calling. Consensus sequences for the individual genes were then stitched together and combined with their respective legacy datasets on the command line.

De novo assembly with Geneious

Unaligned mapped reads were downloaded from CropDiversity HPC and imported without reference files into the bioinformatic platform Geneious 11.1.5. The individual gene files were *de novo* assembled using Geneious' inbuilt assembler. For each gene the contig with the highest or second highest number of reads was chosen and consensus called with the sequence threshold quality set to 65%. The consensus sequences were exported in fasta format and transferred onto CropDiversity HPC.

Concatenation

Newly assembled and downloaded legacy gene files were first concatenated per species and then a single alignment was generated for the family using the package AMAS (Borowiec, 2016). The resulting multi-fasta file was then aligned with MAFFT (Kato et al., 2002) and fine-tuned in BioEdit (Hall, 1999).

2.6 Phylogenetics

The following text summarises the principal phylogenetic approach used for the selected families. Maximum Likelihood trees were run for all families on CropDiversity HPC using the package IQ-Tree (Nguyen et al., 2015) with the

number of replicates for bootstrap set to 1000 and automatic model selection. Bayesian analysis was run for eight families using the command line version of BEAST v1.10.4 (Suchard et al., 2018). Parameters for Bayesian analyses were taken from previously published studies unless otherwise specified. Files for analyses were generated using BEAST's graphic user interface (GUI) version of BEAUti v1.10.4 (Suchard et al., 2018). The log parameter files were visualised in the GUI version of Tracer v1.7.1 (Suchard et al., 2018) and the command line version of TreeAnnotator v1.10.4 (Suchard et al., 2018) was used to remove burn-in and pick the maximum clade credibility (MCC) tree where possible. Trees were then viewed in FigTree v1.4.4 (Rambaut, 2007-). Node ages were secondary calibrations taken from previously published studies. The following paragraphs provide details of the exact parameters used for the individual families.

Annonaceae

A dated phylogeny of *Annonaceae* was generated with 630 taxa with newly established parameters. The phylogeny had a *Magnoliineae* stem node group that was constrained as monophyletic and an *Annonaceae* crown node group constrained as monophyletic. The substitution model for the tree was set to GTR with the site heterogeneity model set to Gamma + Invariant sites. The number of gamma categories was set to 4 with the clock type set as uncorrelated relaxed clock. The relaxed distribution was set to lognormal for a Yule process tree (Gernhard, 2008). Stem node prior distribution was set to lognormal with a mean of 118.8 (Janssens et al., 2020) and a standard deviation of 1. The crown node prior distribution was set to lognormal with a mean of 100.8 (Janssens et al., 2020) and a standard deviation of 1. Length of the Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) chain was set to 50,000,000 generations to sample every 1000 generations. Four separate rounds with the exact parameters were run and then combined post. Combined logs of the four runs gave estimated sample size values (ESS) above 100. The four runs were then resampled separately using the GUI version of LogCombiner v1.10.4 (Suchard et al., 2018) at a frequency of 20,000. LogCombiner v1.10.4 (Suchard et al., 2018) was then used to combine the resampled files with a 10% burn-in.

Begoniaceae

A dated phylogeny of *Begoniaceae* was generated with 372 taxa. Four samples from the *Begonia malabarica/dipetala* sample set (Table A.1) have been used in the final *Begoniaceae* phylogeny as taxonomic place holders for the following species - (i) *Begonia malabarica*, (ii) *Begonia dipetala*, (iii) *Begonia fallax*, and (iv) *Begonia hydrophila*. The phylogeny had monophyletic *Hillebrandia* as stem node and a monophyletic

Begonia crown group. The substitution model was set to GTR with the site heterogeneity model set to Gamma + invariant sites and the number of gamma categories set to 4. The clock type was set to uncorrelated relaxed clock with a relaxed distribution for a Yule process tree (Gernhard, 2008). A lognormal prior distribution was set for the crown node with a mean of 24 (Thomas et al., 2012) and a standard deviation of 1. The length of the MCMC chain was set to 50,000,000 generations sampling every 1000 generations. The log file indicated that ESS values were greater than 150. A 25% burn-in was removed before an MCC tree was chosen.

Chloranthaceae

A dated phylogeny was generated using ITS sequences for 44 taxa of the family *Chloranthaceae*. The genus *Hedyosmum* was constrained as monophyletic and established as the stem node group, two crown node groups were constrained for the genera *Chloranthus* and *Sarcandra* respectively. The substitution model was set to GTR with the site heterogeneity model set to Gamma + invariant sites. The number of gamma categories was set to 4 and the clock type to uncorrelated relaxed clock for a Yule process tree (Gernhard, 2008). A lognormal prior distribution was set for the stem node with a mean of 112 (Zhang et al., 2015) and a standard deviation of 1. The length of the MCMC chain was set to 50,000,000 generations sampling every 1000 generations. ESS values were found to be greater than 200. A 25% burn-in was removed before a MCC tree was chosen.

Dipterocarpaceae

A dated phylogeny was generated for the family *Dipterocarpaceae* for 158 taxa. A *Dipterocarpus* crown group was constrained as monophyletic and a second monophyletic crown node ingroup consisting of all *Dipterocarpaceae* was established. The substitution model was set to GTR with the site heterogeneity model set to Gamma + invariant sites. The number of gamma categories was set to 4, with clock type set as uncorrelated relaxed clock for a Birth-Death process tree (Gernhard, 2008). The ingroup prior distribution was set to lognormal with a mean value of 87.5 (Sanil et al., 2022) and a standard deviation of 0.015. A lognormal prior distribution was set for the *Dipterocarpus* crown group with a mean of 52 (Sanil et al., 2022) and a standard deviation of 0.015. Length of MCMC chain was set to 1,000,000,000 generations to sample every 10,000 generations. ESS values were all well above 200. A 10% burn-in was removed prior to a MCC tree being chosen.

Ebenaceae

A dated phylogeny was generated for 228 taxa of the family *Ebenaceae* focused on the genus *Diospyros*. The family *Ebenaceae* was constrained as monophyletic and established as the stem node. Two crown node groups were generated and monophyly established for both. The first group comprised of taxa from New Caledonia while the second group consisted of all *Diospyros*. The substitution model was set to HKY with no site heterogeneity model. A strict clock was established for Coalescent - Constant Size tree (Kingman, 1982). The stem node prior distribution was set to lognormal with a mean of 106.53 (Bansal et al., 2021) and a standard deviation of 1. The *Diospyros* crown node prior distribution was also set to lognormal with a mean of 95.8 (Bansal et al., 2021) and a standard deviation of 1. The New Caledonia node was given a mean of 34 (Turner et al., 2013) and a standard deviation of 1. Length of the MCMC chain was set to 50,000,000 generations sampling every 1000 generations. The log file established ESS values to be greater than 150. A 10% burn-in was removed prior to MCC tree being chosen.

Lauraceae

A dated phylogeny was generated for 183 taxa from the family *Lauraceae*. The family *Ebenaceae* was established as the stem node group and monophyly constrained. Monophyly was established for a crown group consisting of Asian *Cinnamomum*. The substitution model was set to GTR with a site heterogeneity model of Gamma + invariant sites. The number of gamma categories was set to 4 with the clock type set to uncorrelated relaxed clock for a Yule process tree (Gernhard, 2008). A lognormal prior distribution was established for the stem node with a mean of 111.7 (Janssens et al., 2020) and a standard deviation of 1. A lognormal prior distribution was set for the crown group with a mean value of 20.43 (Huang et al., 2016) and standard deviation of 1. The length of the MCMC chain was set to 50,000,000 generations sampling for every 1000 generations. All ESS values were found to be greater than 200. A 25% burn-in was removed before choosing a MCC tree.

Sapotaceae

A time calibrated phylogeny was generated for *Sapotaceae* using 168 taxa. An outgroup consisting of the species *Sarcosperma laurinum* was established as the stem. Monophyly was constrained for the crown node group Ingroup that hosted everything but *Sarcosperma laurinum*. A second group containing everything but the species *Sarcosperma laurinum* and *Eberhardtia aurata* was called Ingroup 1 and constrained for monophyly. Four crown groups were created for *Chrysophylloideae*,

Manilkara (monophyly), *Mimusops*, and *Sideroxylon*. The substitution model was set to GTR with the site heterogeneity model set to Gamma + invariant sites. The number of gamma categories was established at 4 with an uncorrelated relaxed clock for a Yule process tree (Gernhard, 2008). The prior distributions of all nodes were set to lognormal. The crown group *Chrysophylloideae* was given a mean of 78 and standard deviation of 1. The *Manilkara* crown group was given a mean of 28 and a standard deviation of 1. The *Mimusops* crown group was given a mean value of 42.9 and a standard deviation of 1. The Outgroup node was given a mean of 102 and standard deviation was set to 1. The *Sideroxylon* crown group mean was set to 52.9 and standard deviation to 1. Length of the MCMC chain was established at 50,000,000 generations sampling at every 1000. The log files depicted ESS values greater than 200. A 25% burn-in was established prior to choosing a MCC tree. Node ages were taken from a currently unpublished PhD thesis (Kumarage, 2016)

Zingiberaceae

A dated phylogeny was generated for 238 taxa belonging to the family *Zingiberaceae*. Monophyly was constrained for *Siphonichiliae* and set as stem group. Monophyly was constrained for the crown group *Tamijiae*. A crown group consisting of everything but the stem group and the *Tamijiae* crown group was constrained as monophyletic and called Ingroup. Monophyly was also constrained for a second group called Ingroup 1 consisting of everything but the *Siphonichiliae* stem group. Four crown groups were established for *Alpiniae*, *Globbeae*, *Rideliaceae*, and *Zingibereae*. The substitution model was set to GTR with the site heterogeneity model set to Gamma + invariant sites. The number of gamma categories was set to 4 with an uncorrelated relaxed clock for a Yule process tree (Gernhard, 2008). A lognormal prior distribution was set for all calibrated nodes. The *Siphonichiliae* stem node was given a mean 71 (unpublished, Kumarage 2016) and a standard deviation of 1. The *Alpiniae* crown node was given a mean 41.12 (Zhao et al., 2022) and a standard deviation of 1; The *Zingibereae* crown node mean was set to 43.9 (Zhao et al., 2022) and standard deviation to 1. Length of the MCMC chain was established to 50,000,000 generations sampling every 1000. Log file indicated the ESS were greater than 200. A 25% burn-in was removed prior to choosing a MCC tree. Stem node age was taken from a currently unpublished PhD thesis (Kumarage, 2016)

2.7 Biogeography

2.7.1 Geography

Distribution for individual species was scored using information from previous biogeographic studies if available (unpublished, Kumarage 2016; Sanil et al., 2022; Song et al., 2020; Turner et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2015; Zhao et al., 2022) and the online database Plants of the World Online (POWO, 2023). Absence and presence tables were created for the species found in the dated phylogenies of the eight families from the previous section. Absence in a geographic range was scored as '0' and the presence of the species in a geographic range was scored as '1'. A small number of species were extremely widespread, the scoring for these was limited to the maximum number of geographic ranges for the family, in order to keep run time for the models manageable (Nicholas J. Matzke, 2013). These were scored to include as much of the variation of their range as possible.

BioGeoBEARS works under the assumption of a fully sampled species phylogeny with one tip per species (Matzke, 2013). However, there were situations of uncertain taxonomy deriving from unresolved species delimitation issues as observed in this study from *Annonaceae*, *Begoniaceae*, *Dipterocarpaceae*, *Ebenaceae* and *Lauraceae*. Each dated phylogeny had a single tip per species unless the tips were identical in name but placed differently in the tree, in which case both samples were kept in the phylogeny. The Western Ghats were scored as a single geographic range as the focus of this study was the Western Ghats, with endemic or native taxa from the region being added to the phylogenies. Geographic areas were designated based on previous classifications and/or the presence of taxa in those areas. The areas were kept as similar as possible across the selected families for the sake of comparability. The following table gives the families, the number of areas and the maximum number of geographic ranges assigned for each family (Table 2.2).

Family	Total number of areas	Maximum number of areas allowed
<i>Annonaceae</i>	14	3
<i>Begoniaceae</i>	13	2
<i>Chloranthaceae</i>	12	4
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i>	14	3
<i>Ebenaceae</i>	14	3
<i>Lauraceae</i>	14	3
<i>Sapotaceae</i>	11	3
<i>Zingiberaceae</i>	13	3

Table 2.2: The families, the total number of areas and the maximum number of geographic areas assigned for each family.

2.7.2 BioGeoBEARS

The dated phylogenies from BEAST v1.10.4 (Suchard et al., 2018) and their respective geography tables were used to reconstruct ancestral areas with the R package BioGeoBEARS (Nicholas Joseph. Matzke, 2013). The reconstructions covered six different models - DEC, DEC+J (Nicholas Joseph. Matzke, 2013), DIVALIKE, DIVALIKE+J, BAYAREALIKE, and BAYAREALIKE+J (Matzke, 2014). Founder event speciation or the jump event ‘j’ model was run as a free parameter. The DEC+J model was used to identify the ancestral areas for the relevant Western Ghats nodes. The following parameters were used for 8 angiosperm families. The ancestral area reconstruction method followed the base protocol with the maximum range size being altered to what fit the geographic scoring of the family the best.

Annonaceae	Begoniaceae	Chloranthaceae	Dipterocarpaceae	Ebenaceae	Lauraceae	Sapotaceae	Zingiberaceae
A=America	A = America	A= America	A=America	A=America	A=America	A = America	A = America
B=Africa	B = Africa	B= Africa	B=Africa	B=Africa	B=Africa	B = Africa	B = Africa
C=Madagascar	C = Madagascar	C= Madagascar	C=Madagascar	C=Madagascar	C=Madagascar	C = Madagascar	C = Madagascar
D=Western Ghats	D = Socotra	D= India	D=Western Ghats	D=Western Ghats	D=Western Ghats	D = Seychelles	D = Western Ghats
E=Himalayas	E = Western Ghats	E= Sri Lanka	E=Himalayas	E=Himalayas	E=Himalayas	E = Middle East	E = Himalayas
F=Sri Lanka	F = Himalayas	F= China	F=Sri Lanka	F=Sri Lanka	F=Sri Lanka	F = Western Ghats	F = Sri Lanka
G=China	G = Sri Lanka	G= Continental Asia	G=China	G=China	G=China	G = Sri Lanka	G = China
H=Continental Asia	H = China	H= Sunda Shelf	H=Continental Asia	H=Continental Asia	H=Continental Asia	H = Himalayas	H = Continental Asia
I=Sunda Shelf	I = Continental Asia	I= Sahul Shelf	I=Sunda Shelf	I=Sunda Shelf	I=Sunda Shelf	I = East Asia	I = SundaShelf
J=Sahul Shelf	J = Sunda Shelf	J= PNG	J=Sahul Shelf	J=Sahul Shelf	J=Sahul Shelf	J = Sunda Shelf	J = SahulShelf
K=New Guinea	K = Sahul Shelf	K= Philippines	K=PNG	K=PNG	K=PNG	K = Sahul Shelf	K = PNG
L=Philippines	L = PNG	L= Australia	L=Philippines	L=Philippines	L=Philippines		L = Philippines
M=Australia	M = Philippines		M=Australia	M=Australia	M=Australia		M = Australia
N=New Caledonia			N=New Caledonia	N=New Caledonia	N=New Caledonia		

Table 2.3: Table indicating the total number of geographic areas scored for each family and the maximum number of areas a species was allowed to be in.

Model Selection

The biogeographic model used across all analysed families for this study was the DEC+J model (Matzke, 2014). For three families the Log Likelihood values indicated that the data favoured the BAYAREALIKE +J over the DEC+J model. However, the BAYAREALIKE +J reconstructions modelled some clades as having multiple ancestral ranges instead of one. This contradicted the range scoring for these families, where many of these taxa were found existing in single ranges. The BayArea model works on the principle of applying the full ancestral range from the previous generation to the next (Nicholas J. Matzke, 2013). One explanation that has been considered for datasets favouring the BAYAREALIKE model over the DEC/DIVALIKE models is that the phylogenies may be missing information in the form of insufficient sampling or species extinction (Nicholas J. Matzke, 2013).

The BAYAREALIKE model is a likelihood based analysis that uses the same free parameters as BAYAREA but excludes three aspects of the original model – dependence on distance, null geographic range, and analysis for several areas (Matzke, 2013). It is not interchangeable with the original BAYAREA model as it works on a likelihood based approach (Dupin et al., 2017; Nicholas Joseph. Matzke, 2013). Of the 8 families a majority of the families favoured the DEC+J models over the DIVALIKE+J or BAYAREALIKE+J models. To be able to compile and compare analyses over several families, a single model is more appropriate and fitted to the reality of current species ranges.

2.8 Leaves to Trees

Eight angiosperm families were chosen for this project based on the availability of viable legacy data in combination with having endemic or native species in the Ghats. These families covered a range of habits and ages. Preserved specimen material was collected from various herbaria, whilst fresh material was acquired from the field. Samples from the herbarium were removed from sheets using destructive sampling methods. Samples from the field were collected in tea bags and placed in silica. All samples were extracted for DNA using the Qiagen DNeasy Plant Mini Kit extraction protocol. These extractions were then sent to a genomics company for library preparation and Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS). The raw sequence data post WGS was mapped to a reference, assembled, and combined with the legacy data to give multi-fasta alignments. These alignments were used to create maximum likelihood and time-calibrated phylogenies. The time calibrated phylogenies were combined with geographic area presence-absence tables for biogeographic model testing.

Leaves to Trees

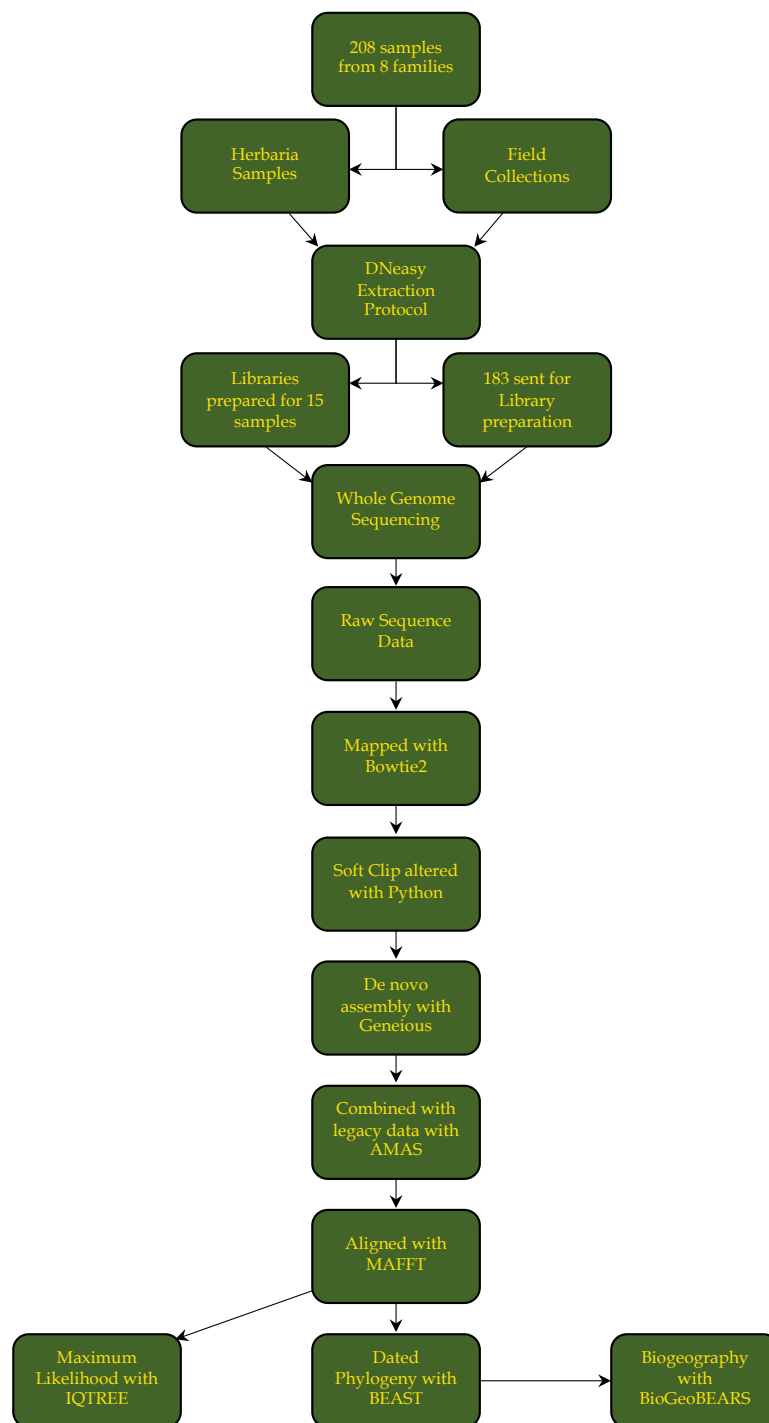


Figure 2.6 Image depicting the overarching methodology used for all specimen samples in this project.

2.9 Data Synthesis

The overarching aim of this project is to understand the age and origin of the vastly diverse Western Ghats flora, through the summary of phylogenetic data from species and clades endemic or native to the region. Ancestral nodes were established using a conservative approach. Using the BioGeoBEARS phylogenies, and working backwards for each clade, the first node to exclude the Western Ghats was established as the potential ancestral range. Clade ages were then established for these chosen nodes from the dated phylogenies. Clade ages (including 95% HPD range), and ancestral state reconstructions were summarised in a scatter plot and pie chart respectively. Data from eight families which are the focus of this study, plus data from the families *Balsaminaceae*, *Celastraceae*, *Gentianaceae*, *Loranthaceae*, *Orchidaceae*, *Rubiaceae*, and *Piperaceae* (Bajpe et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2018; Neupane et al., 2017; Puri et al., 2016; Sen et al., 2019; Tsai et al., 2020; Yuan et al., 2005) were included.

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Chapter Three

Results

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3.1 Data Quality

Quality of extracted DNA varied greatly. Sample quality was tested for, post extraction and post library preparation. The overall DNA quality of herbarium samples was found to be far worse than those of silica dried samples. Herbarium samples were also found to be more prone to contamination. Causes for contamination included method and date of collection, preservation techniques, and storage. Data quality also varied for those samples that survived the process of library preparation and sequencing. The quality and quantity of raw data were generally proportional to each other. Up to 2GB of data were received post sequencing for each sample. Data coverage and quality varied for each sample, and this was visible in two different post-sequencing steps – (i)BLAST post de novo assembly and (ii) sample placement in draft phylogenies. In this dataset quality was seen to be largely dependent on the method of preservation, the age of the specimen and the sample itself. Sample information is provided in the Appendix (Appendix A.1).

3.2 Bioinformatics

3.2.2 Soft Clipping

Samples were mapped to a reference file using Bowtie2 2.4.5 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). Upon mapping reads to a reference Bowtie2 soft clips or masks regions of reads that do not match the reference past a defined threshold (Catchen, 2013) deleting potentially useful variation necessary for phylogenetic analyses. When these files are viewed in their Binary Alignment Map (BAM) format they appear as columns of sequence data interspersed with columns of no data, resulting in very large gaps in the final consensus. This was visible across all samples used in this study, no matter the family, species, or sample quality. BAM files were viewed using three different file readers. When viewed using SAMtools tview (Figure 3.1) or Tablet (Figure 3.2) the mapped reads were fragmented.



Figure 3.1: Mapped reads visualised with SAMtools tview.



Figure 3.2: Mapped reads visualised with Tablet 1.21.

Python Script

The presence and absence of data in very distinct columns appeared too clean to be because of trimming based on read quality. In Geneious 11.1.5 columns of viable reads were alternated with columns with pink annotation, which were the soft clipped reads (Figure 3.3). This allowed verification that the soft clipped regions were good quality reads that did not match the reference completely; these regions were annotated pink in Geneious unlike in SAMtools tview or Tablet, where these reads were simply invisible. There existed an option to remove trim annotations in Geneious but this could not be batched. Hence due to the number of genes that needed to be processed there was a need for a more streamlined method involving a command line loop.



Figure 3.3: Mapped reads from Bowtie2 in BAM format viewed using Geneious 11.1.5.

In the SAM format soft clip annotations were visible in the CIGAR strings of reads. Of 150 bp reads, more base pairs were being clipped than kept. Reads were being clipped sometimes based on single base pair differences. Changing mapping quality and threshold parameters in Bowtie2 and SAMtools proved to be ineffective at resolving this. Therefore, a method of altering the CIGAR strings was devised. This novel method used Python to change read annotations from soft clip (S) to match/mismatch (M) (unpublished, Pezzini, 2023)(Van Rossum and L. Drake, 2009). The resulting outputs were unaligned mapped reads interspersed with aligned mapped reads in BAM format.

This Plastid Region Miner method of mapping and *de novo* assembly proved to be highly effective in improving quality of the assembled sequenced data. It improved the coverage of mapped reads used to assemble each region, and also improved the resolution of samples in their respective phylogenies. Contamination and viability of a consensus sequence for each region was tested using a combination of BLAST and draft phylogenies made with the command line version of IQTREE. Any samples on unusually long branches or in taxonomically suspect locations were removed from the analyses. Appendix Table A.1 indicates samples that were retained/discarded from the final analyses.

3.3 Through time and space

For each family, newly generated from this study and legacy data from previously published studies have been combined to generate a single alignment for the family. The subsequent multi-fasta files were used to create maximum likelihood and date phylogenies. The resulting dated phylogenies were used to reconstruct ancestral ranges.

3.3.1 Annonaceae

The *Annonaceae* maximum likelihood (Figure 3.4) and dated (Figure 3.5) phylogenies were generated using 8 target loci – *matK*, *ndhF*, *rbcL*, *ycf1*, *atpB*, *trnS*, *trnL*, and *trnH* (Guo et al., 2017). 16 clades (Table 3.1) of *Annonaceae* from this phylogeny were found to be endemic or native to the Western Ghats these are coloured red in figures 3.4 and 3.5. Taxa belong to fourteen different genera that host natives/endemics to the Ghats. The dated tree indicates that *Annonaceae* split away from the rest of the *Magnoliales* approximately 101.35 million years ago (mya). The mega-phylogeny was well resolved with good support values for a majority of the Western Ghats clades unless otherwise specified. *Cyathocalyx zeylanicus* was delimited as clade I, this species is a Western Ghats and Sri Lankan native that found amongst taxa from Continental and Southeast Asia. The minimum node age for clade I was 7.7 million years (myr) with the DEC+J analysis (Figure 3.6) indicating a Continental Asian origin.

Orophea uniflora (PP 72) a Ghats only endemic that was found amongst taxa from Continental and Southeast Asia formed clade II. The node age for clade II was 7.56 myr and indicated a Sunda Shelf origin. Clade III hosted a Ghats and Sri Lankan native *Huberantha korinti* found between samples from Africa/Madagascar and Continental Asia. The clade had a minimum node age of 14.35 myr and showed likely Continental Asian entry. Clade IV was found amongst taxa from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf, it included four species *Miliusa wightiana*, *Miliusa indica_MAno11*, *Miliusa montana*, and *Miliusa indica*. *Miliusa indica* and *Miliusa indica_MAno11* are taxonomically identical but not monophyletic, the species is native to the Western Ghats and Sri Lanka. Clade IV had a minimum node age of 6.64 myr and possibly arrived to the Ghats from Continental Asia. Clade V included *Polyalthia suberosa* it had a minimum node age of 4.09 myr and was sister to taxa from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. This was strongly translated in the DEC+J analysis that indicated a Continental Asian geographic origin.

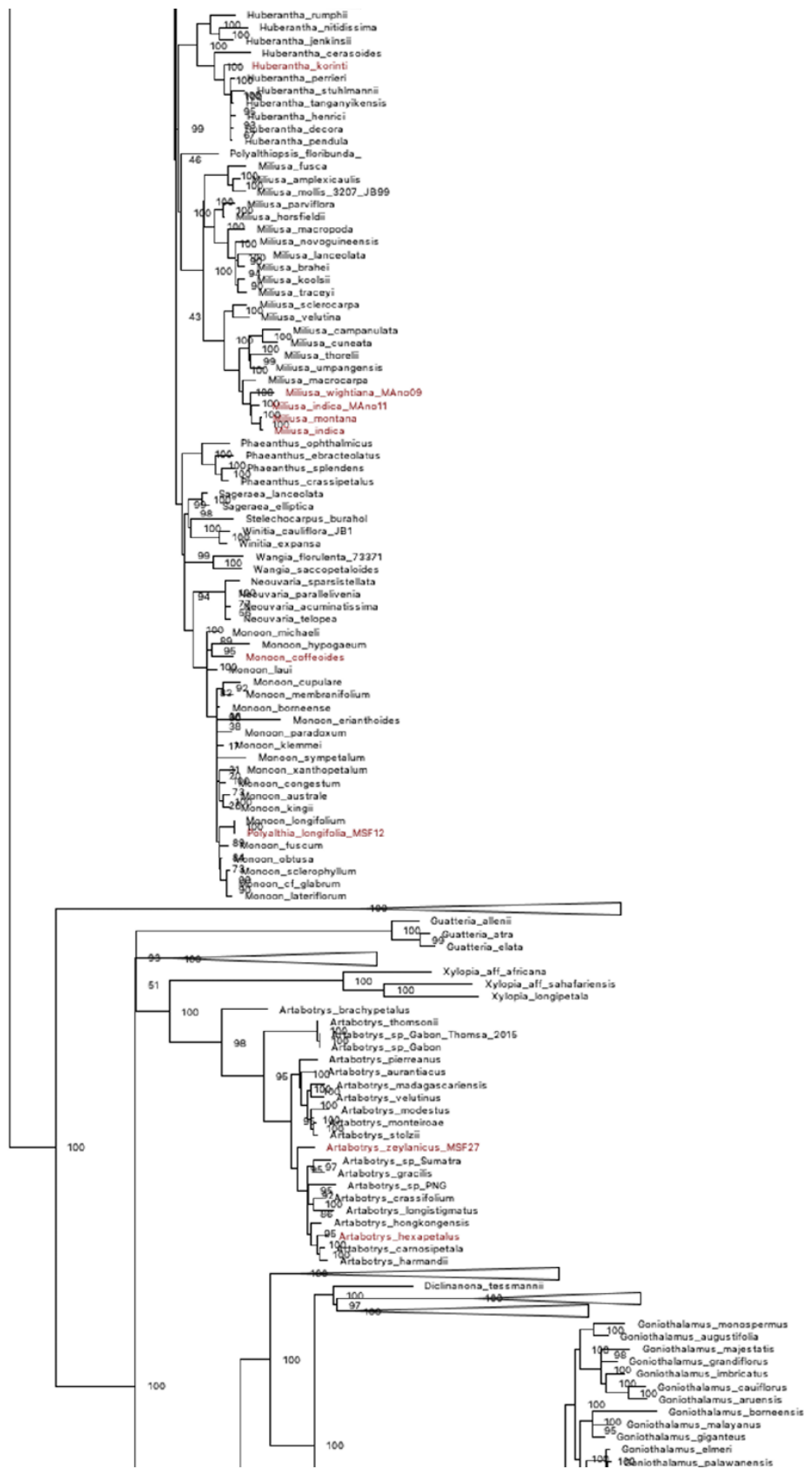
Clade VI included the sample *Mitrephora heyneana* a Ghats and Sri Lanka native, sister to taxa from the Sunda Shelf. The clade had a minimum node age of 12.29 myr and indicated a strong Sunda Shelf signal. Clade VII consisted of the species *Monoon coffeoides* a Ghats and Sri Lankan endemic, it sat sister to species from Australia and the Sunda Shelf, which was strongly evidenced in the DEC+J analysis that gave it a Sunda Shelf origin. Clade VIII comprised of the species *Monoon longifolium* (PP 81) a Ghats and Sri Lankan native, the species used to be called *Polyalthia longifolia* and was found amongst species from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. The node had a minimum age of 3.4 myr and showed a Sunda Shelf geographic origin. Clade IX was made of *Meiogyne pannosa* a Western Ghats endemic, the taxa was not well supported (PP 42) and found amongst species from New Caledonia and the Sunda

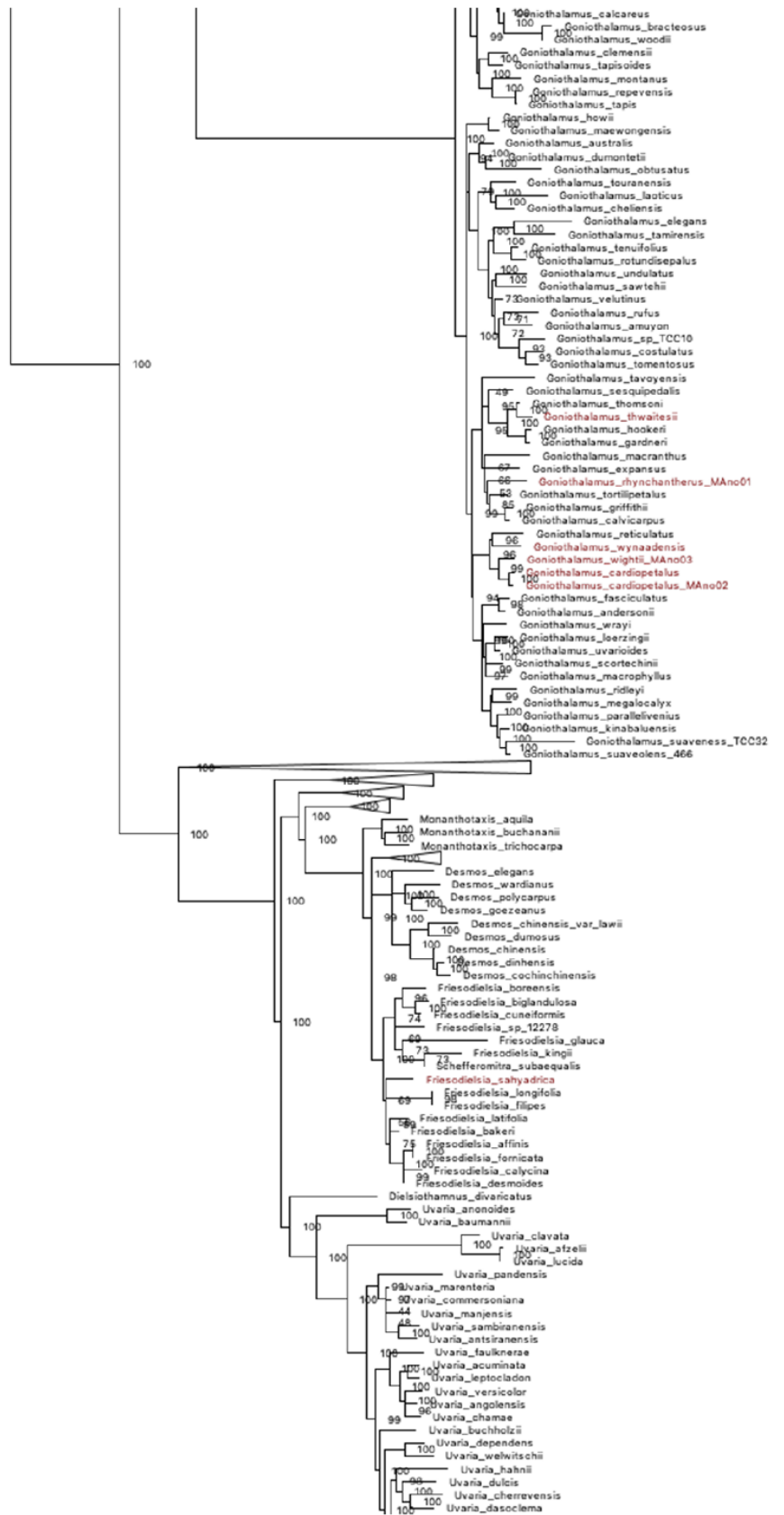
and Sahul Shelves. DEC+J analysis gave it a Sahul Shelf entry with a minimum node age of 9.92 myr.

Clade X comprised of the species *Artabotrys zeylanicus* (Western Ghats and Sri Lankan endemic), taxa in the genus are largely from Africa and the Sunda Shelf. The clade had a minimum node of 10.35 myr and showed a Sunda Shelf signal of origin. Clade XI had the species *Artabotrys hexapetalus* found in the Western Ghats, Sri Lanka, and Laos. The species had a minimum node age of 3.33 myr and placed amongst taxa from Continental Asia, which was translated in the DEC+J analysis. Clade XII was the species *Goniothalamus rhynchantherus* (PP 66), a Western Ghats endemic that was not well supported in the phylogeny. It sat amongst samples from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf and had a minimum node age of 18.55 myr. DEC+J analysis gave it a Continental Asian origin. Clade XIII was the species *Goniothalamus thwaitesii*, a Western Ghat and Sri Lanka native found amongst species from Sri Lanka. It had a minimum node age of 5.53 myr and showed a Sri Lankan signal of origin.

Clade XIV was made of the Western Ghats endemics *Goniothalamus wightii*, *Goniothalamus wynaadensis*, *Goniothalamus cardiopetalus*, it was found sister to taxa from the Sunda Shelf, Sri Lanka and Continental Asia. The clade had a minimum node age of 18.55 million years and showed Continental Asia geographic origin. Clade XV was made of the species *Friesodielsia sahyadrica*, a Western Ghats endemic with a low support value of 69. The taxa sat amongst species from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. DEC+J analysis showed a Continental Asian origin for the clade. It had a minimum node of 11.45 million years. The final *Annonaceae* clade had two species *Uvaria macropoda* and *Uvaria zeylanica* both native of the Western Ghats and Sri Lanka. The clade sat amongst species from Continental Asia, Papua New Guinea and the Sunda Shelf with a minimum node age of 9.01 myr. DEC+J analysis gave the clade a Sri Lankan origin. The DEC+J output from BioGeoBEARS indicated that the family *Annonaceae* may have arrived to the Western Ghats from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. The dated phylogeny indicated that the *Annonaceae* taxa were fairly young arriving between c.3 and 19 million years ago via multiple dispersal events.







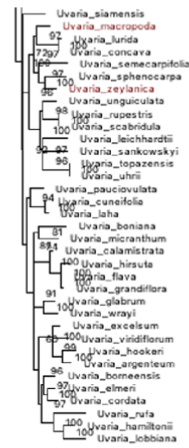
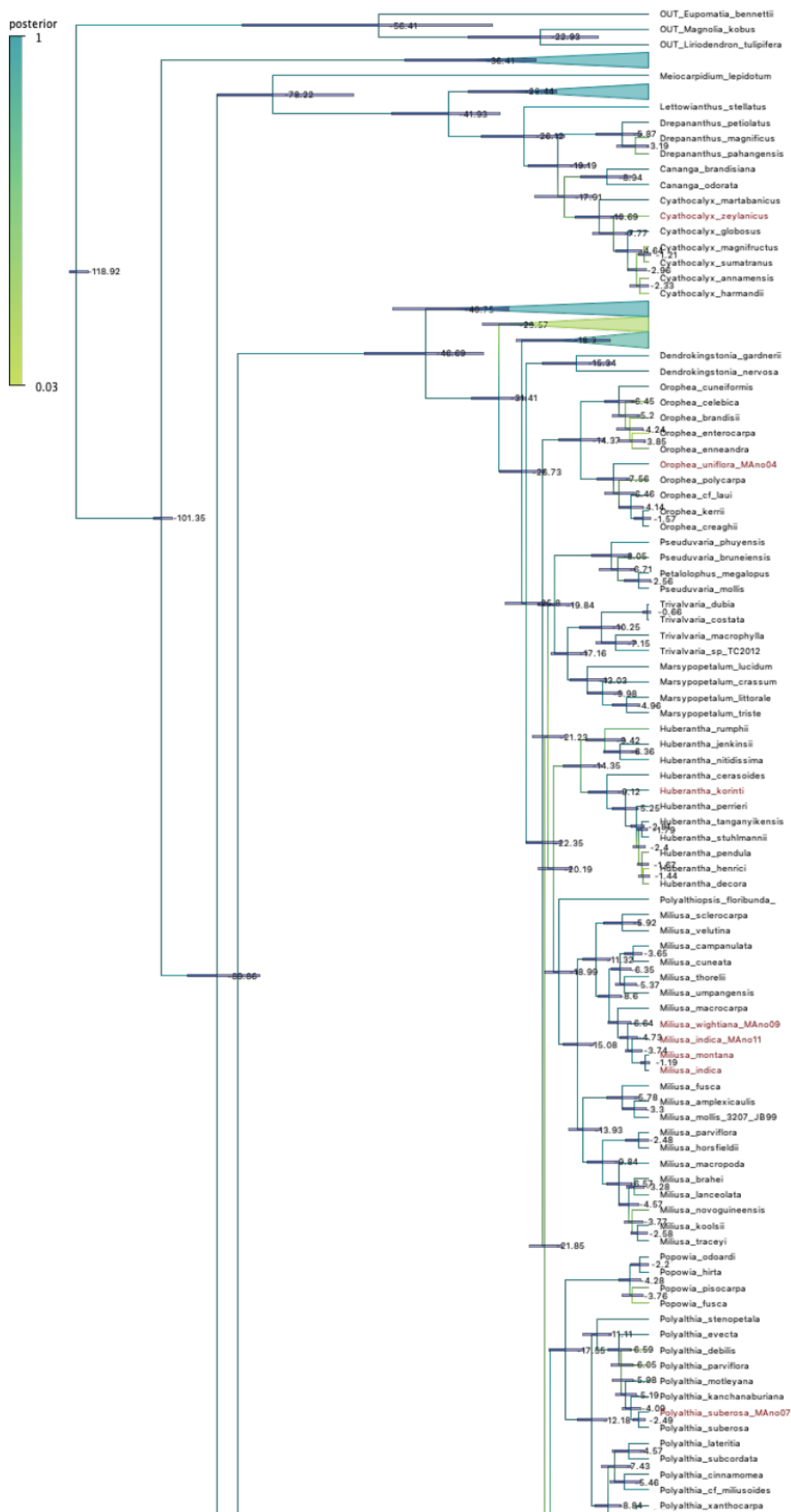
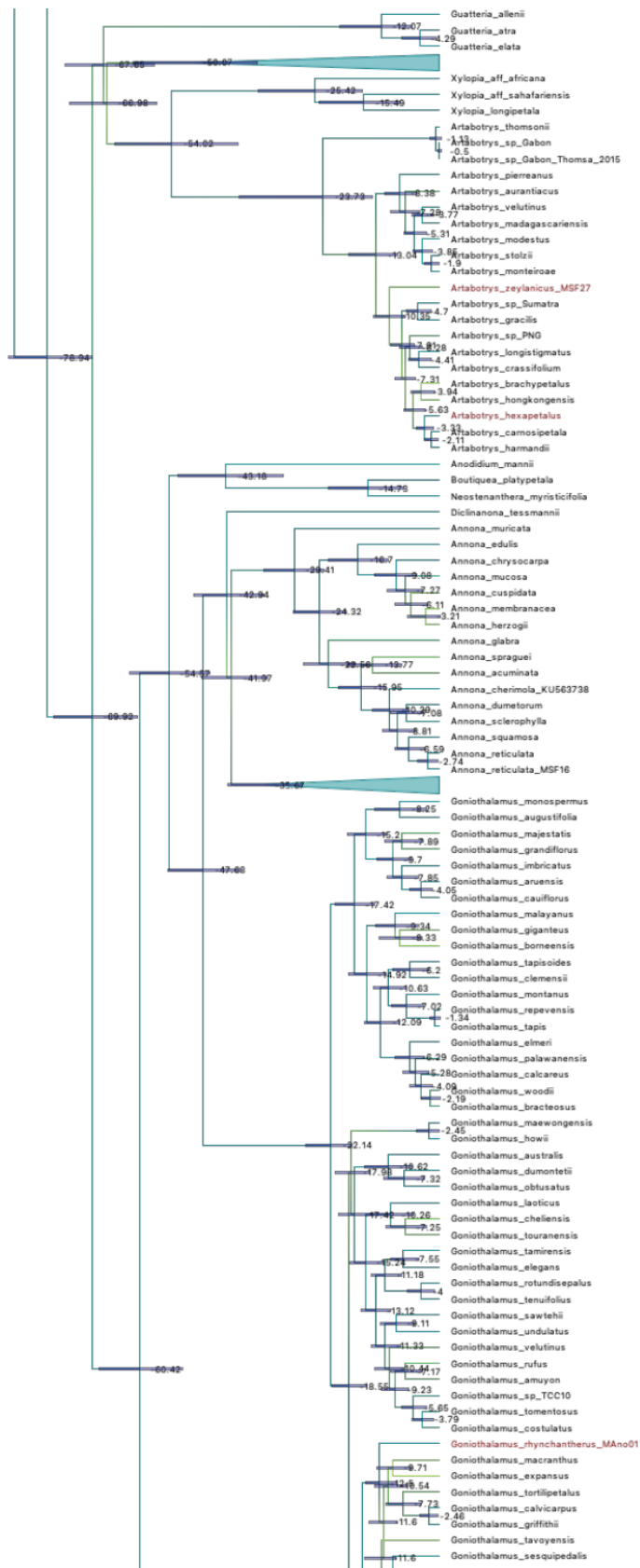


Figure 3.4: Maximum Likelihood tree for the family *Annonaceae*.

The tree was generated in IQTREE using the loci *matK*, *ndhF*, *rbcL*, *ycf1*, *atpB*, *trnS*, *trnL*, and *trnH* for 630 taxa. Samples in red indicate taxa that are native or endemic to the Western Ghats. Numbers on the nodes depict posterior probability values for the clades. Collapsed branches are clades that hosted no taxa from the Western Ghats.









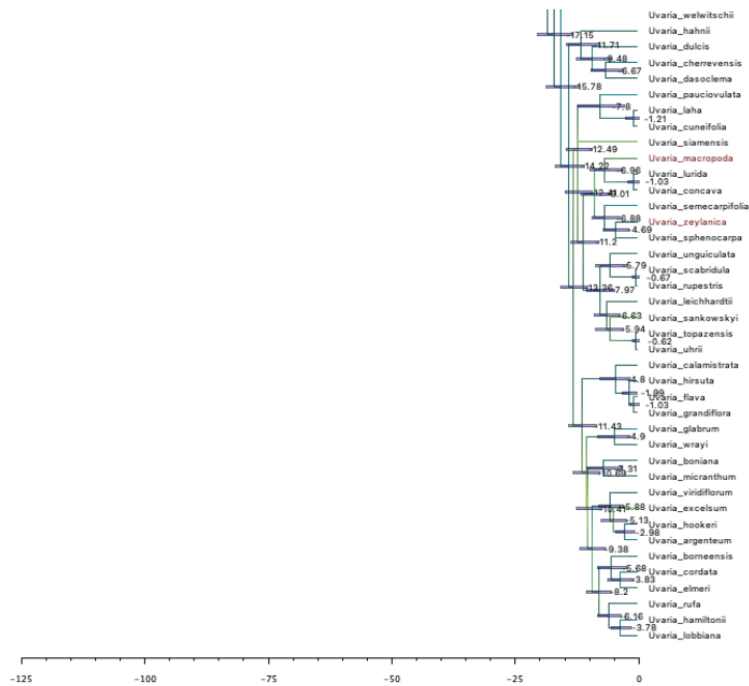
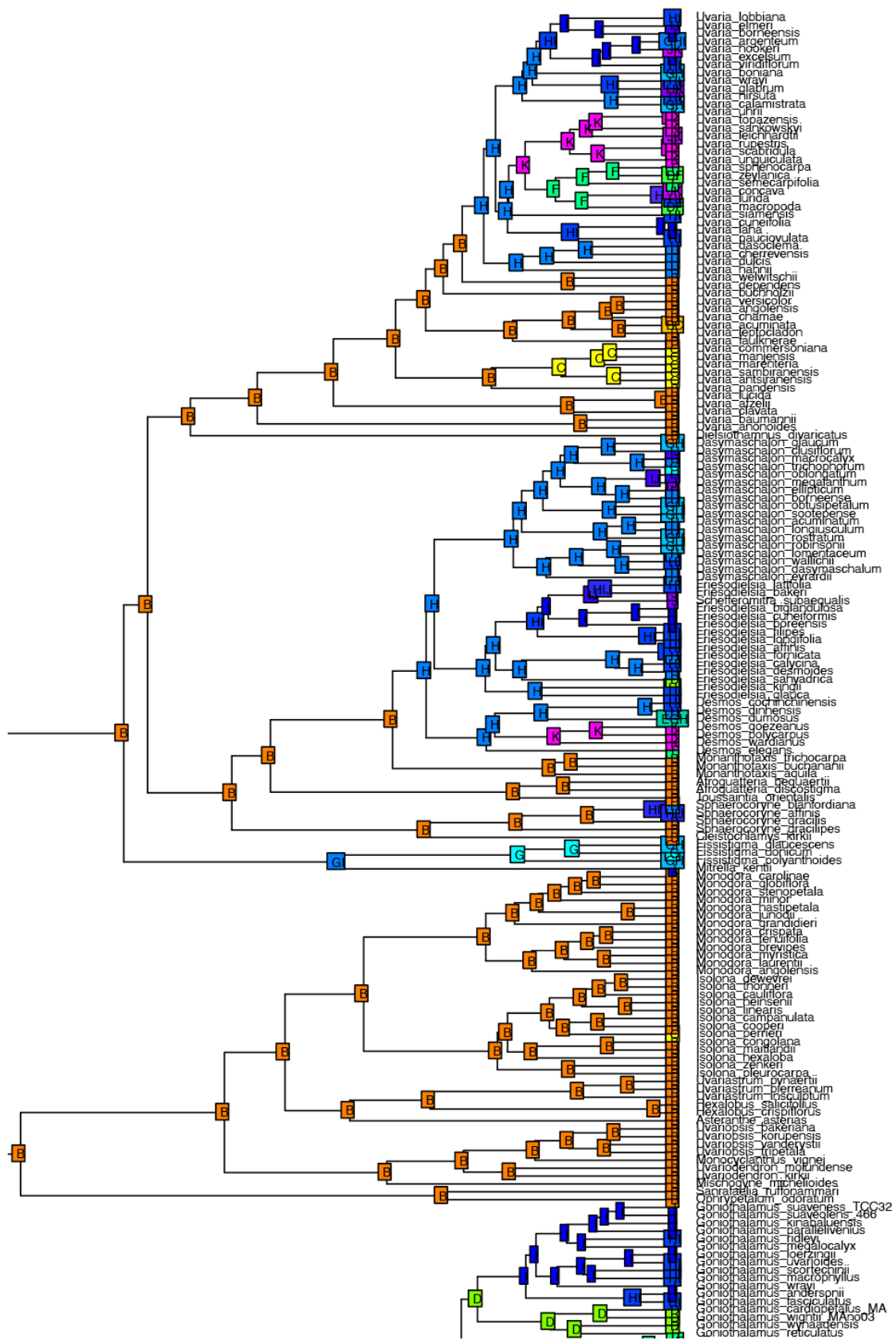
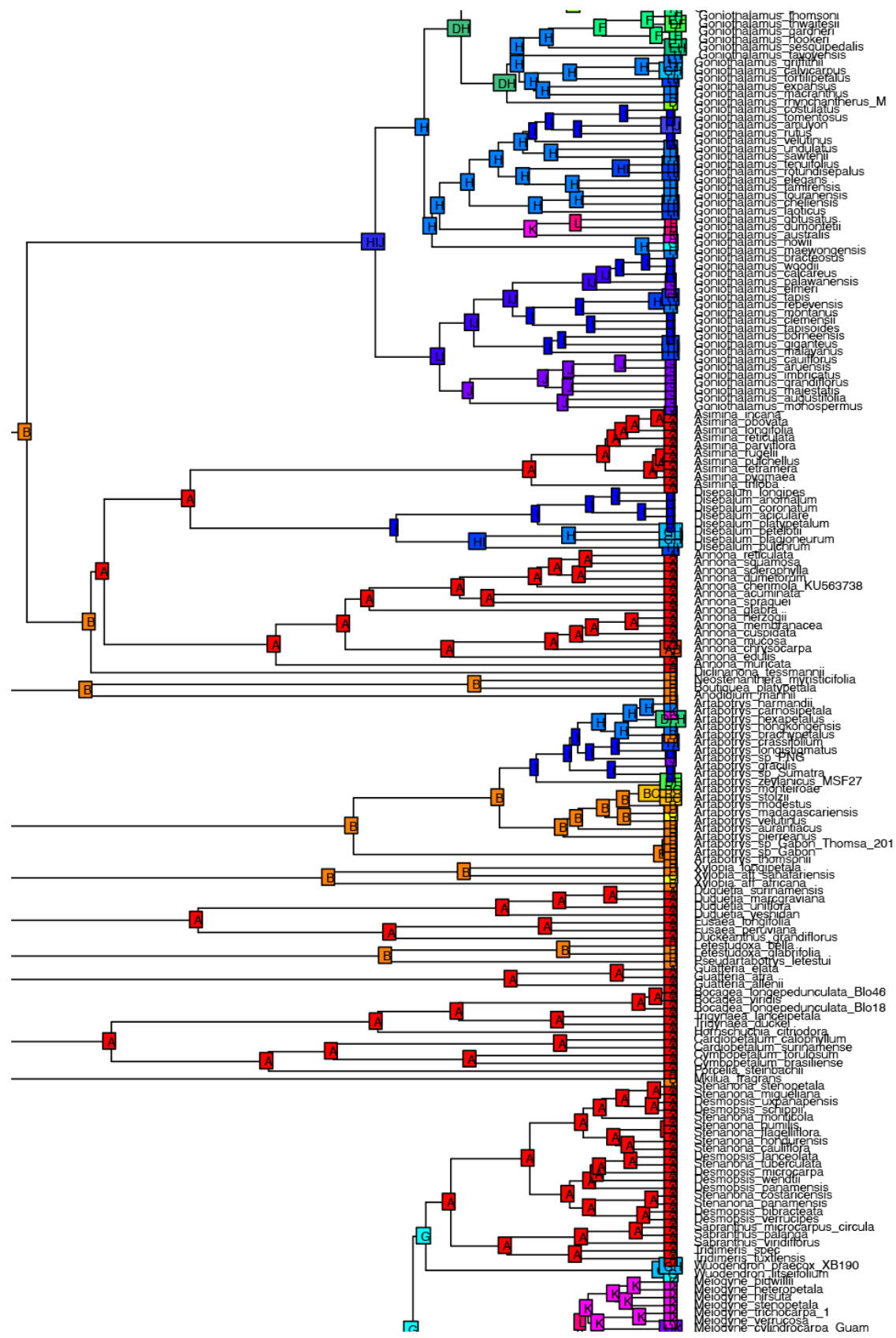
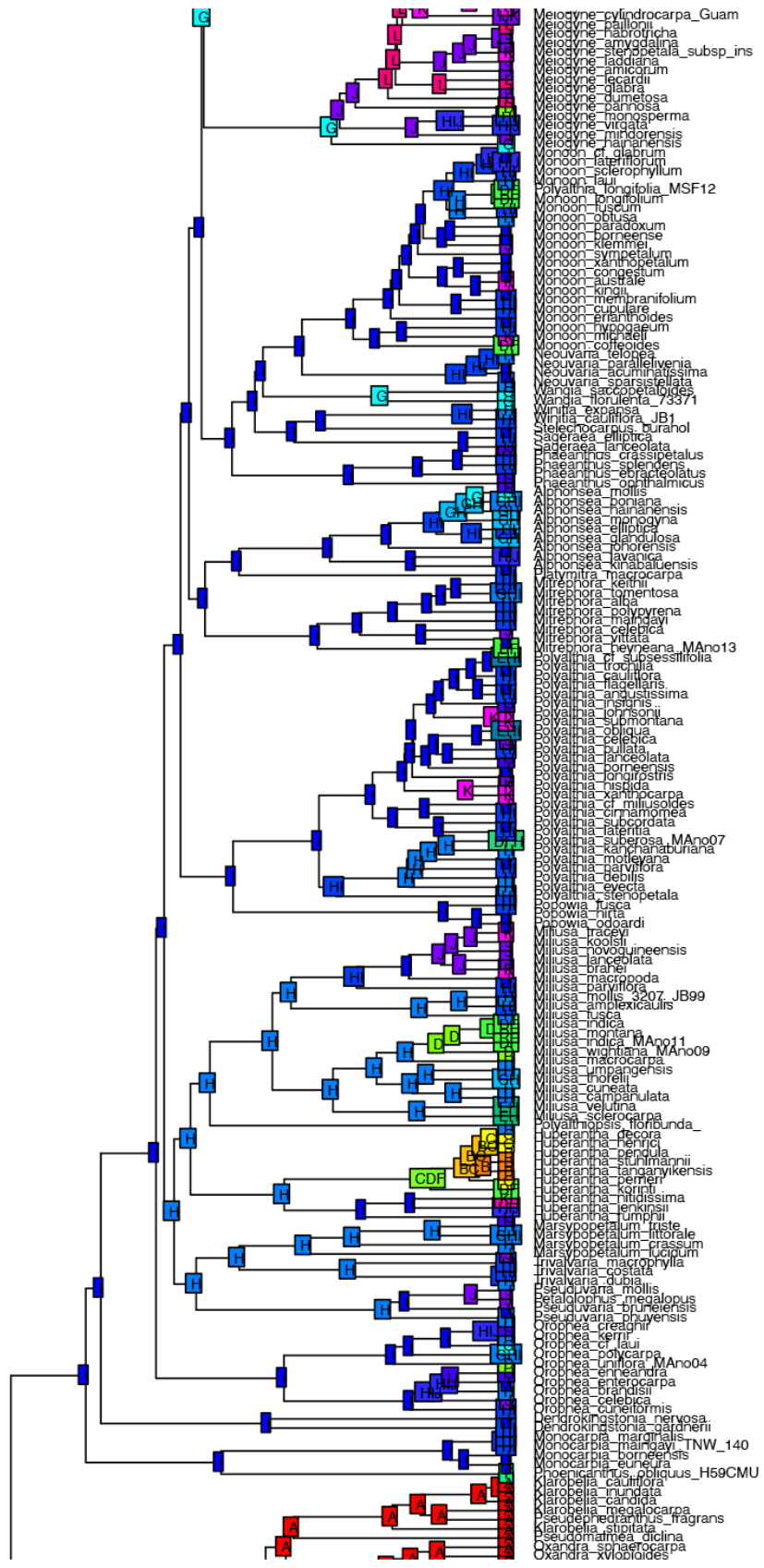


Figure 3.5: Time calibrated phylogeny of the family *Annonaceae* for 630 taxa.

Samples in red indicate taxa endemic or native to the Western Ghats. The numbers on the nodes indicate mean ages with the node bars depicting 95% height HPD. Branch colours depict posterior probability of the clades with green being the lowest value and blue the highest. Collapsed branches are clades that hosted no taxa from the Western Ghats.







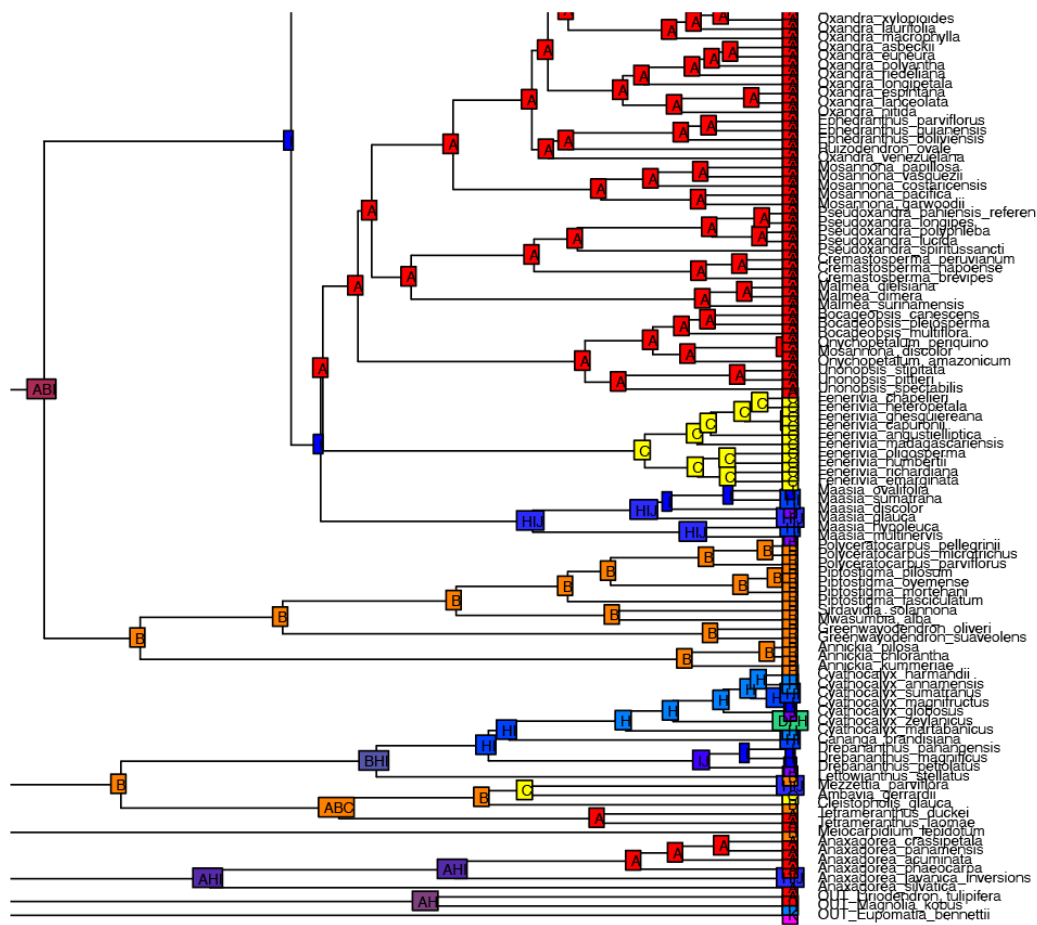


Figure 3.6: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Annonaceae*.

Geographic areas are coded as follows - A=America (Red), B=Africa (Orange), C=Madagascar (Yellow), D=Western Ghats (Light green), E=Himalayas (Green), F=Sri Lanka (Neon green), G=China (Light blue), H=Continental Asia (Indigo), I=Sunda Shelf (Royal blue), J=Sahul Shelf (Purple), K=PNG (Magenta), L=Philippines (Pink). DEC+ J analysis had LnL value of -1444. Clades listed in Table 3.1

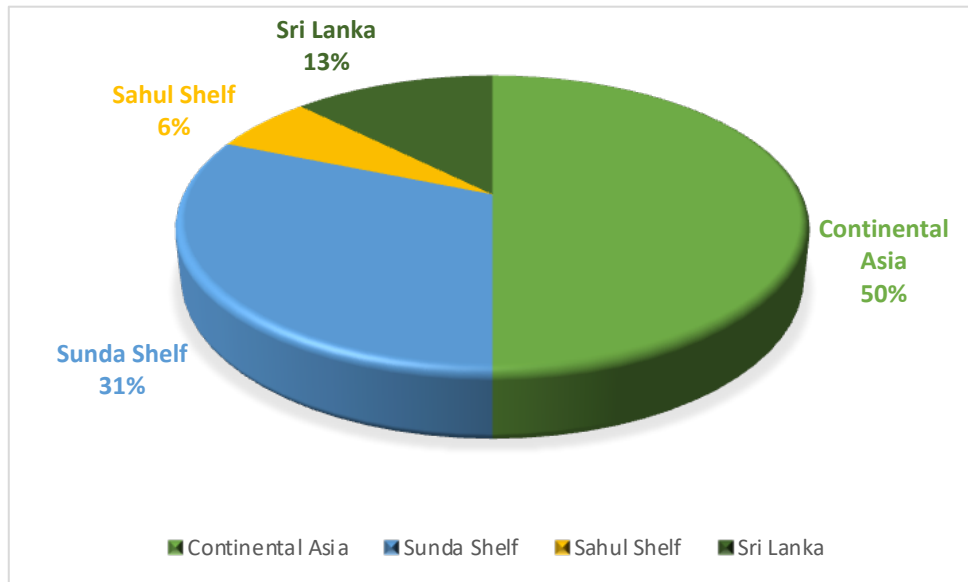


Figure 3.7: Pie chart depicting the geographic areas of origins for the Western Ghats clades of *Annonaceae*.

Event	Taxa in the event	Minimum Age (mya)	Area Code
Annonaceae I	<i>Cyathocalyx zeylanicus</i>	7.7	H
Annonaceae II	<i>Orophea uniflora</i> MAno04	7.56	I
Annonaceae III	<i>Huberantha korinti</i>	14.35	H
Annonaceae IV	<i>Miliusa wightiana</i> MAno09, <i>Miliusa indica</i> MAno11, <i>Miliusa montana</i> and <i>Milusa indica</i>	6.64	H
Annonaceae V	<i>Polyalthia suberosa</i> MAno07	4.09	H
Annonaceae VI	<i>Mitrephora heyneana</i> MAno13	12.29	I
Annonaceae VII	<i>Monoon coffeoides</i>	8.55	I
Annonaceae VIII	<i>Monoon longifolium</i>	3.4	I
Annonaceae IX	<i>Meiogyne pannosa</i>	9.92	J
Annonaceae X	<i>Artabotrys zeylanicus</i> MSF27	10.35	I
Annonaceae XI	<i>Artabotrys hexapetalus</i>	3.33	H
Annonaceae XII	<i>Goniothalamus rhynchantherus</i> MAno01	18.55	H
Annonaceae XIII	<i>Goniothalamus thwaitesii</i>	5.53	F
Annonaceae XIV	<i>Goniothalamus wightii</i> MAno03, <i>Goniothalamus wynaadensis</i> , <i>Goniothalamus cardiopetalus</i> MAno02	18.55	H
Annonaceae XV	<i>Friesodielsia sahyadrica</i>	11.45	H
Annonaceae XVI	<i>Uvaria macropoda</i> , <i>Uvaria zeylanica</i>	9.01	F

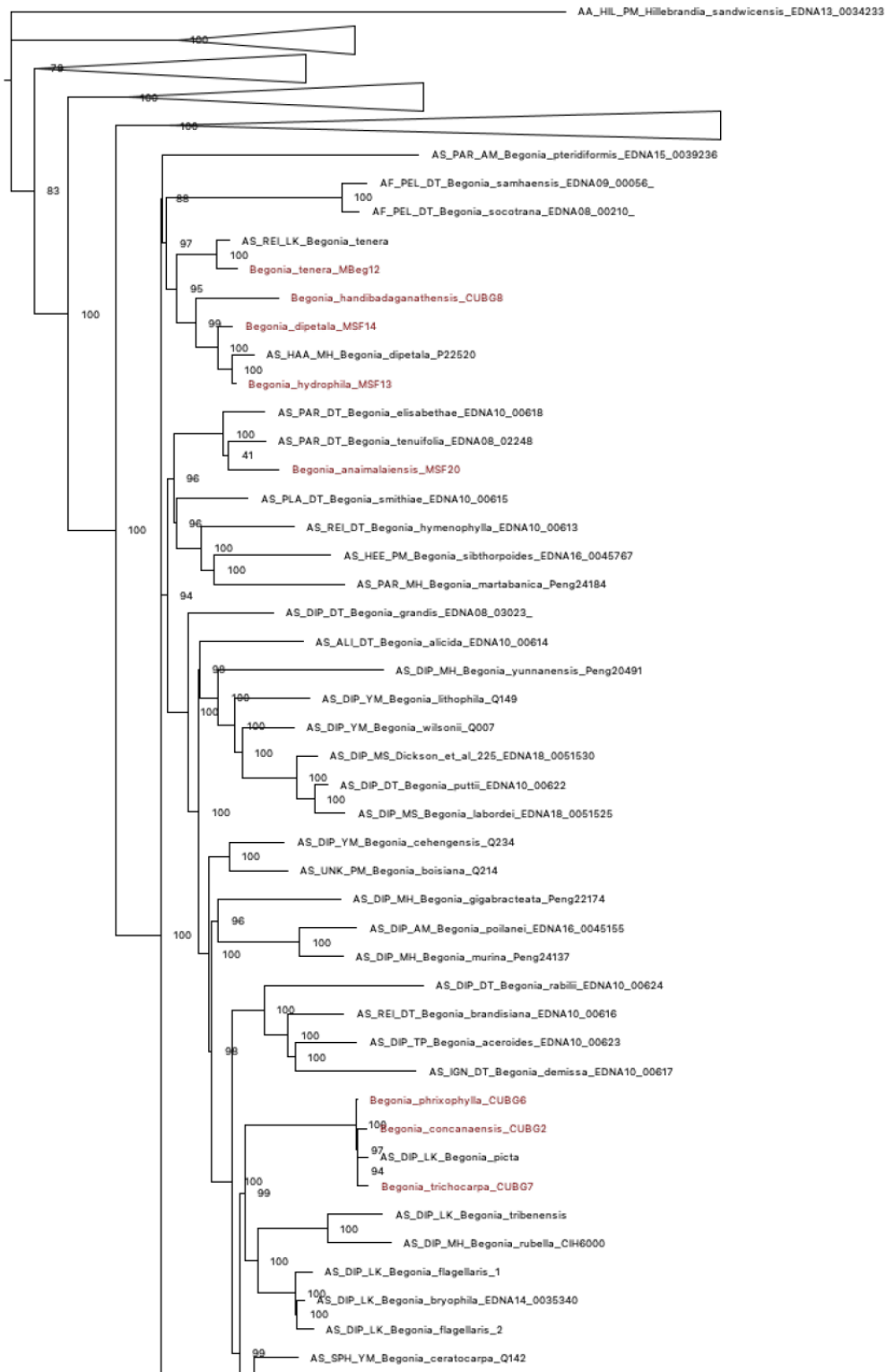
Table 3.1: *Annonaceae* table showing clade number, taxa found in each clade, their minimum age, and geographic origin.

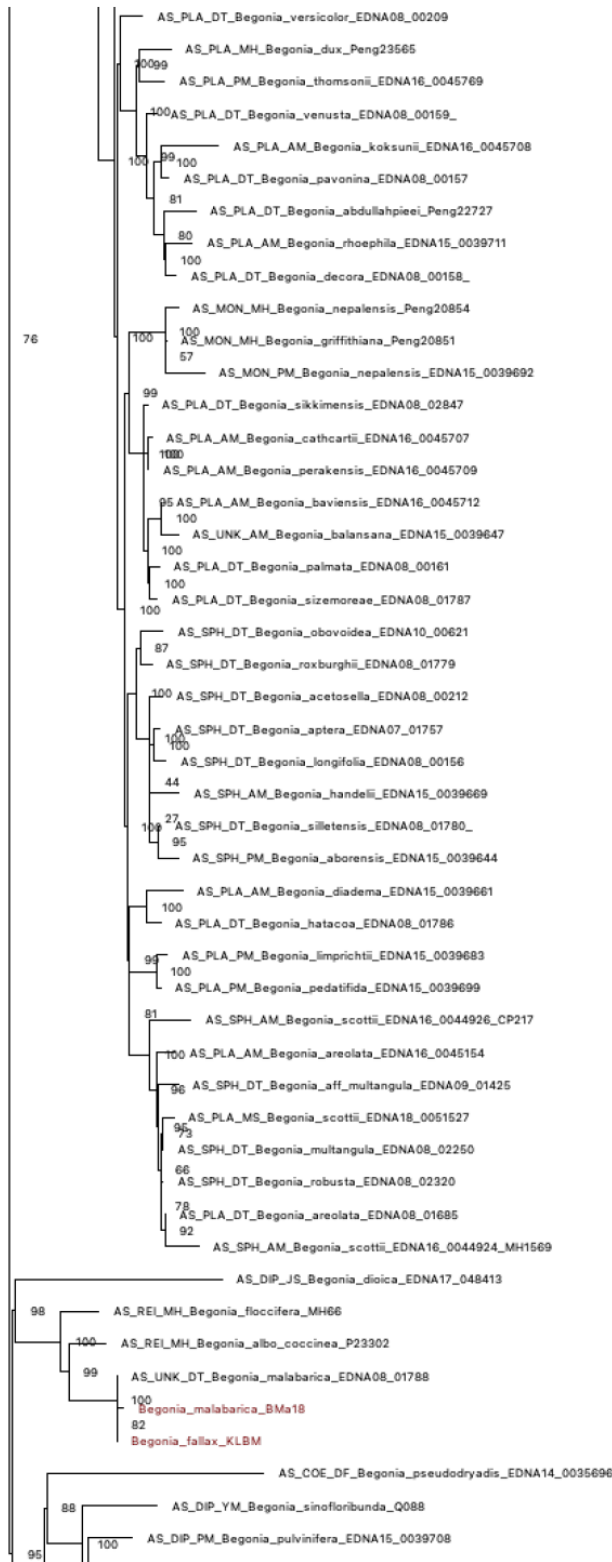
3.3.2 Begoniaceae

The maximum likelihood (Figure 3.8) and time calibrated (Figure 3.9) phylogenies of *Begoniaceae* were generated using three target loci – *nadh*, *ndhF* and *trnL* (Moonlight et al., 2018). Four clades (Table 3.2) were found endemic to the Western Ghats. Samples in red in the ML and dated phylogenies are taxa native to the Ghats. The dated tree shows the *Begonia* split away from the monophyletic genus *Hillebrandia* approximately 24 mya. The analyses have ten taxa that are found in the Western Ghats. Clade I hosted the sample *Begonia anaimalaiensis*, a Western Ghats endemic that sits amongst samples from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. The clade was not well supported (PP 41), it had a minimum node of 3.13 myr and a Sunda Shelf signal of geographic origin. Clade II consisted of three taxa – *Begonia trichocarpa*, *Begonia phrixophylla*, and *Begonia concanensis*. *Begonia concanensis* and *Begonia phrixophylla* are Western Ghats endemics while *Begonia trichocarpa* is native to both the Ghats and the Himalayas. The clade is well resolved and had a minimum node age of 7.45 myr and showed a Himalayan signal for geographic origin in the DEC+J analysis (Figure 3.10).

Clade III had four taxa – *Begonia tenera*, *Begonia dipetala*, *Begonia hydrophila*, and *Begonia handibadaganathensis*. *Begonia tenera* is a Ghats and Sri Lankan native. *Begonia dipetala*, *Begonia handibadaganathensis*, and *Begonia hydrophila* are Western Ghats endemics. *Begonia hydrophila* is not sister to *Begonia malabarica* as current taxonomy would suggest. The taxa sit amongst samples from Socotra, the Himalayas and Sri Lanka. The Socotra clade was not well supported (PP 88). Clade III was well supported with a minimum node of 13.05 myr and arrived to the Western Ghats from Continental Asia. Clade IV consisted of the taxa *Begonia malabarica* and *Begonia fallax*. The clade itself was well supported but the placement of *Begonia fallax* (PP 82) as sister to *Begonia malabarica* was not. The clade sat amongst taxa from Sri Lanka, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf, had a minimum node age of 12.65 myr, and showed signal from China. The time calibrated *Begoniaceae* phylogeny indicated that *Begonias* arrived to the Western Ghats between c.3 and 13 million years ago. All four clades had a different geographic origin signal – the Himalayas, Sri Lanka, Continental Asia, and China. Each area of origin held equal weight.

Taxonomically *Begonia malabarica*, *Begonia dipetala*, *Begonia hydrophila*, and *Begonia fallax* have been lumped together under two names – *Begonia malabarica* and *Begonia dipetala*. From morphology alone it is quite visible that these are four distinct species. Each of them has distinct characteristics that give them their individual species concepts. This difference is also depicted in the molecular phylogenies. In the final phylogeny the names *Begonia hydrophila* and *Begonia fallax* have been resurrected and used alongside *Begonia dipetala* and *Begonia malabarica* as taxonomic placeholders. The taxonomic clarification of the cane *Begonias* of the Western Ghats is a work in progress and beyond the scope of this thesis.





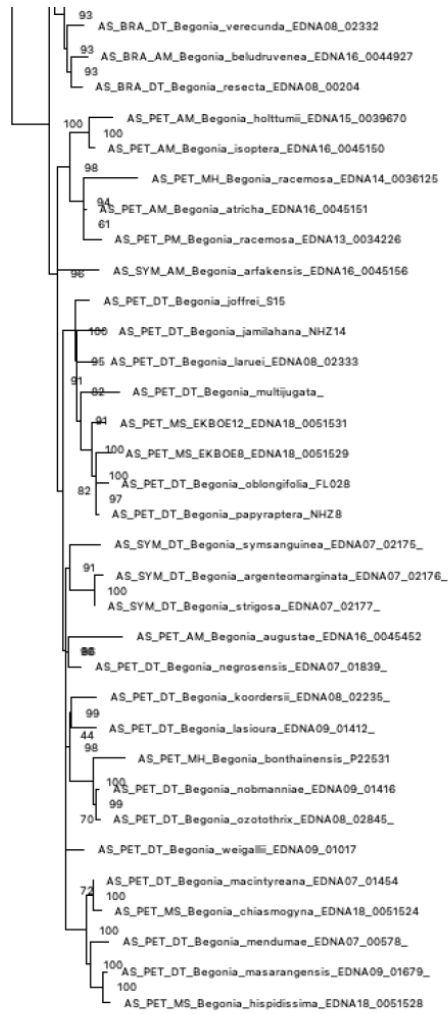
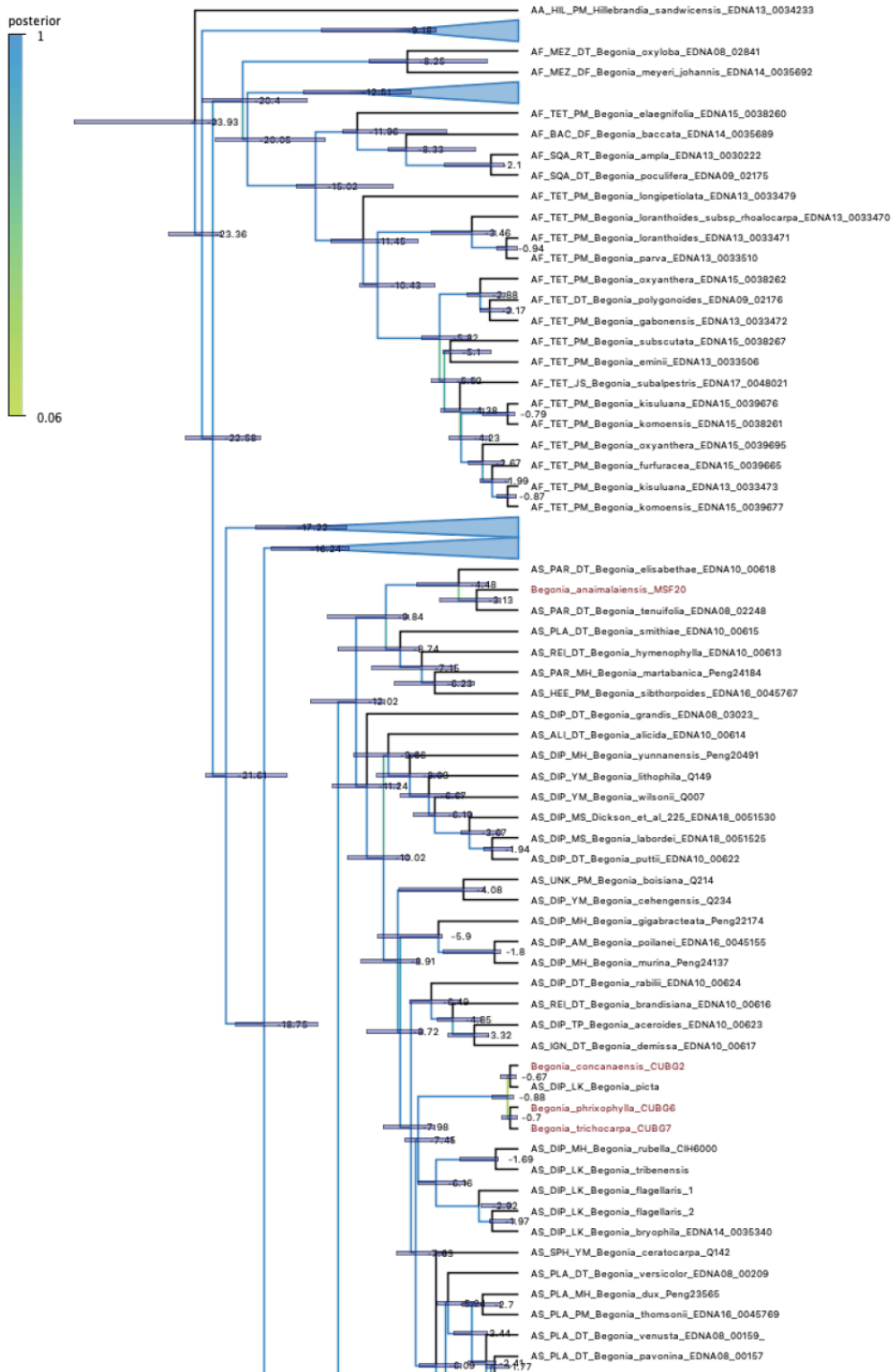
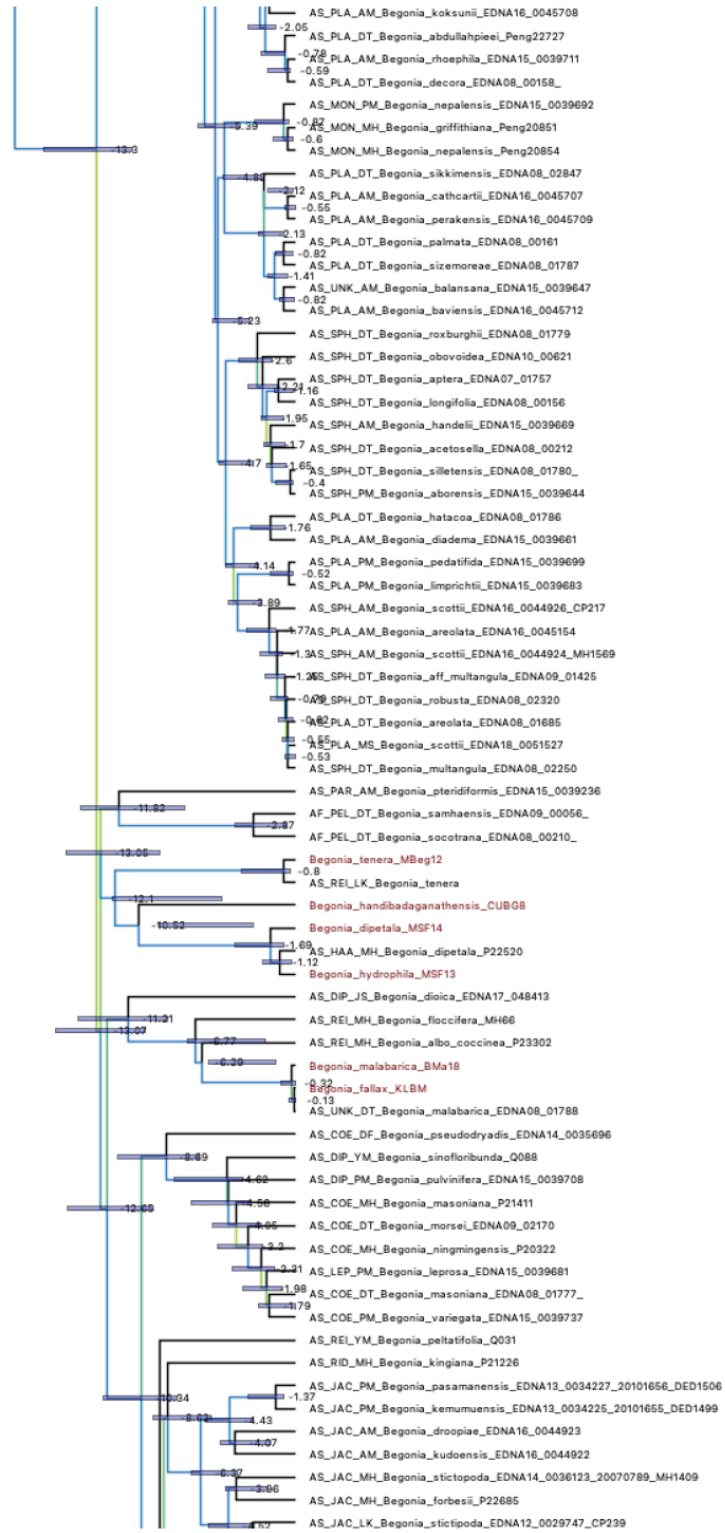


Figure 3.8: Maximum Likelihood tree for the family Begoniaceae.

The maximum likelihood phylogeny was generated for 372 taxa using IQTREE for the target loci nadh, ndhF, and trnL. Samples in red indicate taxa found in the Western Ghats. Numbers on the nodes depict posterior probability values for the clades. Collapsed branches are clades that hosted no taxa from the Western Ghats.





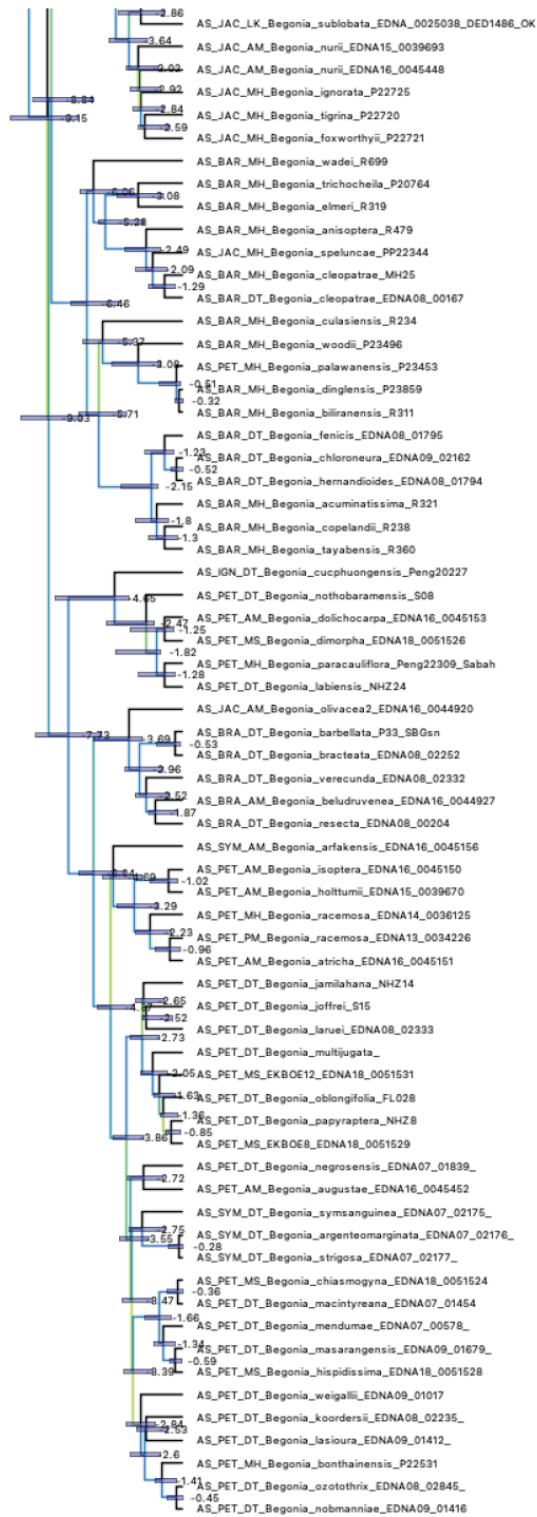
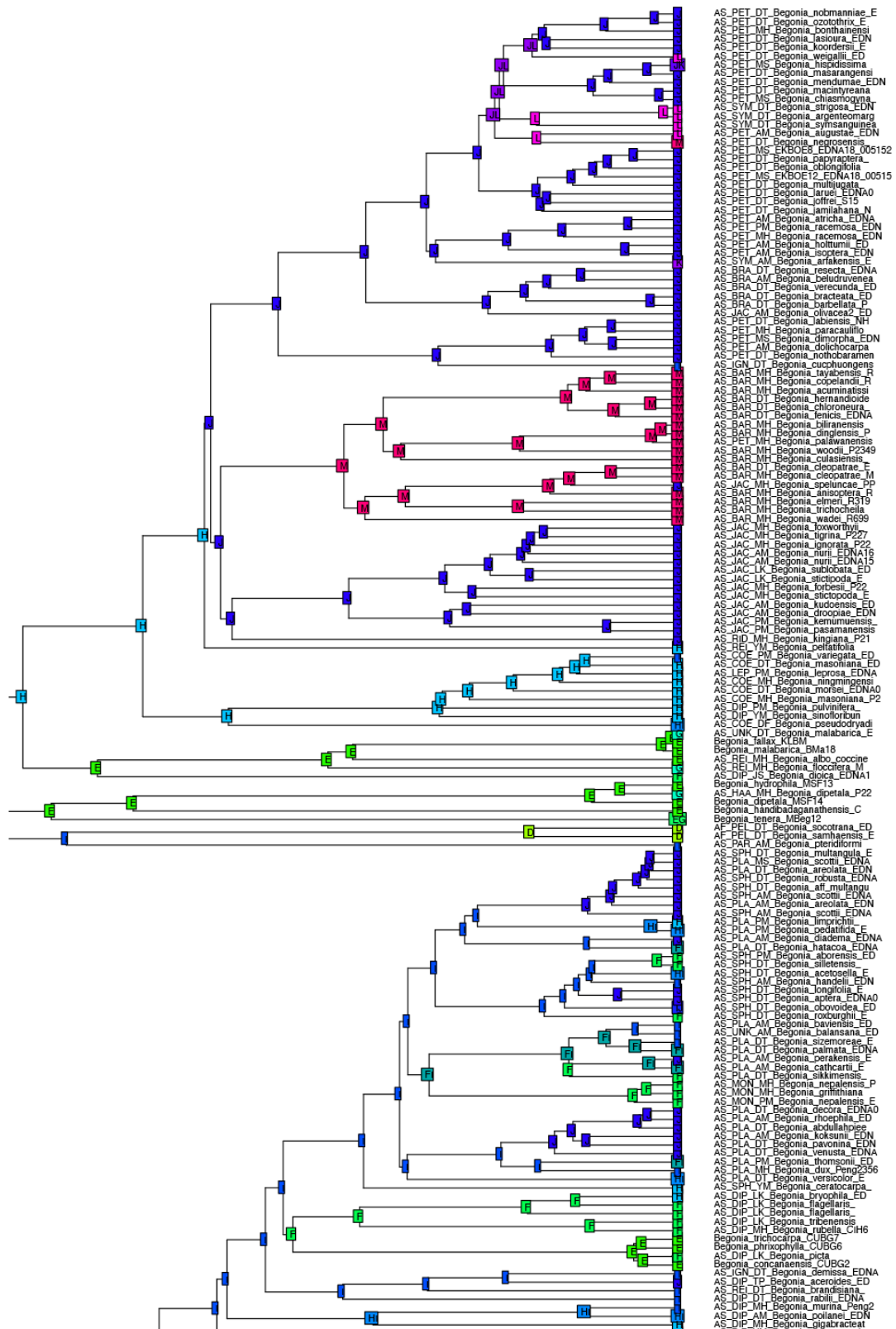
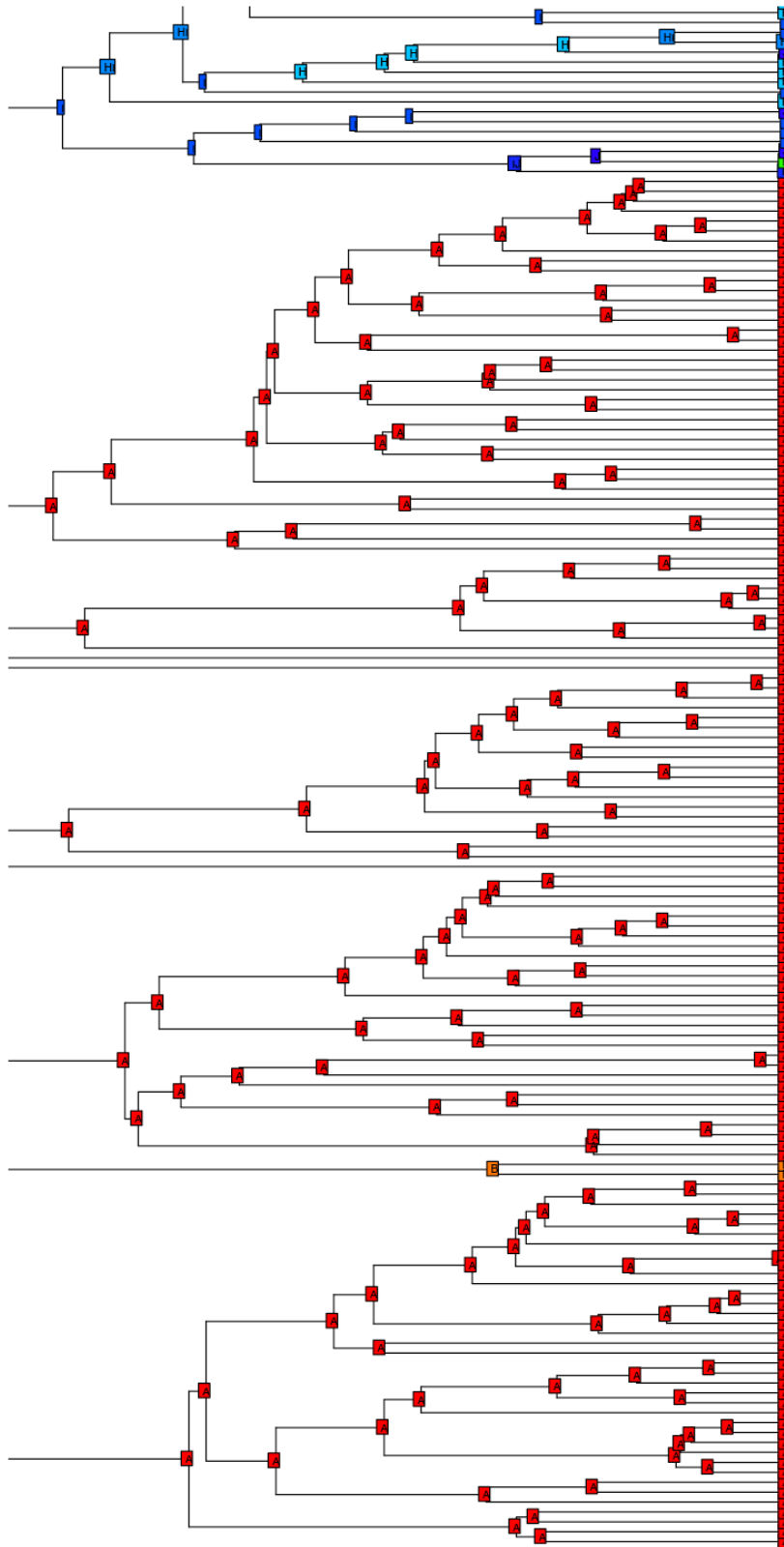


Figure 3.9: Time calibrated phylogeny of the family *Begoniaceae* for 371 taxa.

Samples in red show taxa endemic or native to the Western Ghats. The numbers on the nodes indicate mean ages with the node bars depicting 95% height HPD. Branch colours depict posterior probability of the clades with green being the lowest value and blue the highest. Collapsed branches are clades that hosted no taxa from the Western Ghats.





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- NW_GAE_PM_Begonia_edmundoi_EDN
- NW_MIC_PM_Begonia_eiachieta_ED
- NW_THY_PM_Begonia_santos_limae
- NW_THY_PM_Begonia_bullatifolia
- NW_GIR_RT_Begonia_peltata_EDNA
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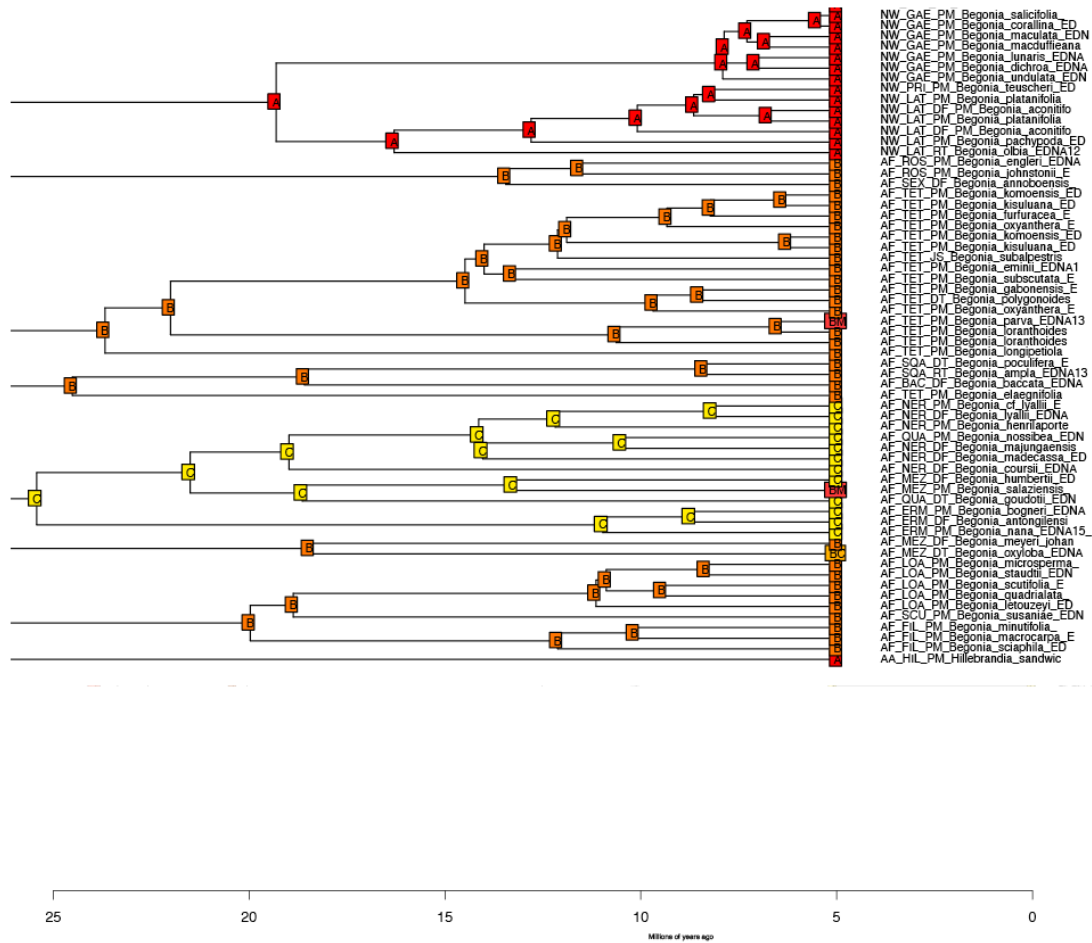


Figure 3.10: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Begoniaceae*.

Geographic areas are coded as follows - A=America (Red), B=Africa (Orange), C=Madagascar (Yellow), D=Socotra (Yellow green), E=Western Ghats (Light green), F=Himalayas (Neon green), G=Sri Lanka (Sea green), H=China (Light blue), I=Continental Asia (Indigo), J=Sunda Shelf (Royal blue), K=Sahul Shelf (Purple), L=PNG (Magenta), M=Philippines (Pink). LnL value of -388.44. Clades listed in Table 3.2.

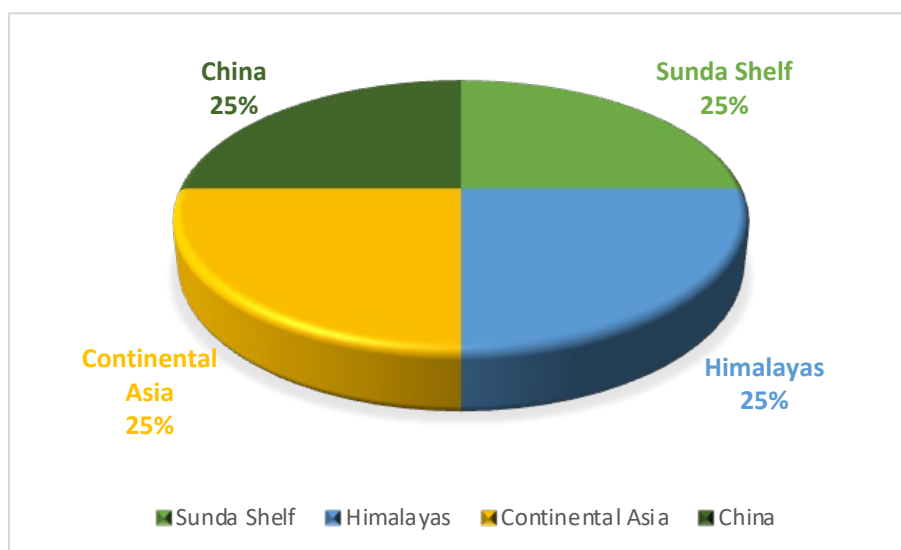


Figure 3.11: Pie chart depicting the geographic areas of origins for the Western Ghats clades of *Begoniaceae*.

Clade	Taxa in clade	Minimum Age (mya)	Area Code
<i>Begoniaceae</i> I	<i>Begonia anaimalaiensis</i> MSF20	3.13	J
<i>Begoniaceae</i> II	<i>Begonia trichocarpa</i> CUBG7, <i>Begonia phrixophylla</i> CUBG6, <i>Begonia concanensis</i> CUBG2	7.45	F
<i>Begoniaceae</i> III	<i>Begonia dipetala</i> MSF14, <i>Begonia hydrophila</i> MSF13, <i>Begonia tenera</i> MBeg12, <i>Begonia handibadaganathensis</i> CUBG8	13.05	I
<i>Begoniaceae</i> IV	<i>Begonia malabarica</i> BMa18, <i>Begonia fallax</i> KLBM	12.65	H

Table 3.2: *Begoniaceae* table showing the clade number, taxa found in each clade, their minimum age, and geographic origin.

3.3.3 Chloranthaceae

Maximum likelihood phylogenies were generated for the family *Chloranthaceae* using the target loci *rbcL*, *rpl20*, *rps16*, *trnL*, and ITS (Zhang et al., 2015). The ITS phylogeny (Figure 3.12) was better resolved than the chloroplast phylogeny. A dated phylogeny (Figure 3.13) was constructed for 44 taxa using the ITS alignment. A single clade was found endemic to the Western Ghats, it hosted the sample *Sarcandra grandifolia*, now *Sarcandra glabra* subsp. *brachstachys*. The species is widespread and is found in India, Sri Lanka, Continental Asia, and China. The clade was well supported and sat amongst taxa from Sri Lanka, China, Continental Asia, the Sunda Shelf, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines. It had a minimum node age of 53.92 myr and showed a geographic origin signal from China, Continental Asia, and the Sunda and Sahul shelves (Figure 3.14). The family showed an overall age of 112 million years.

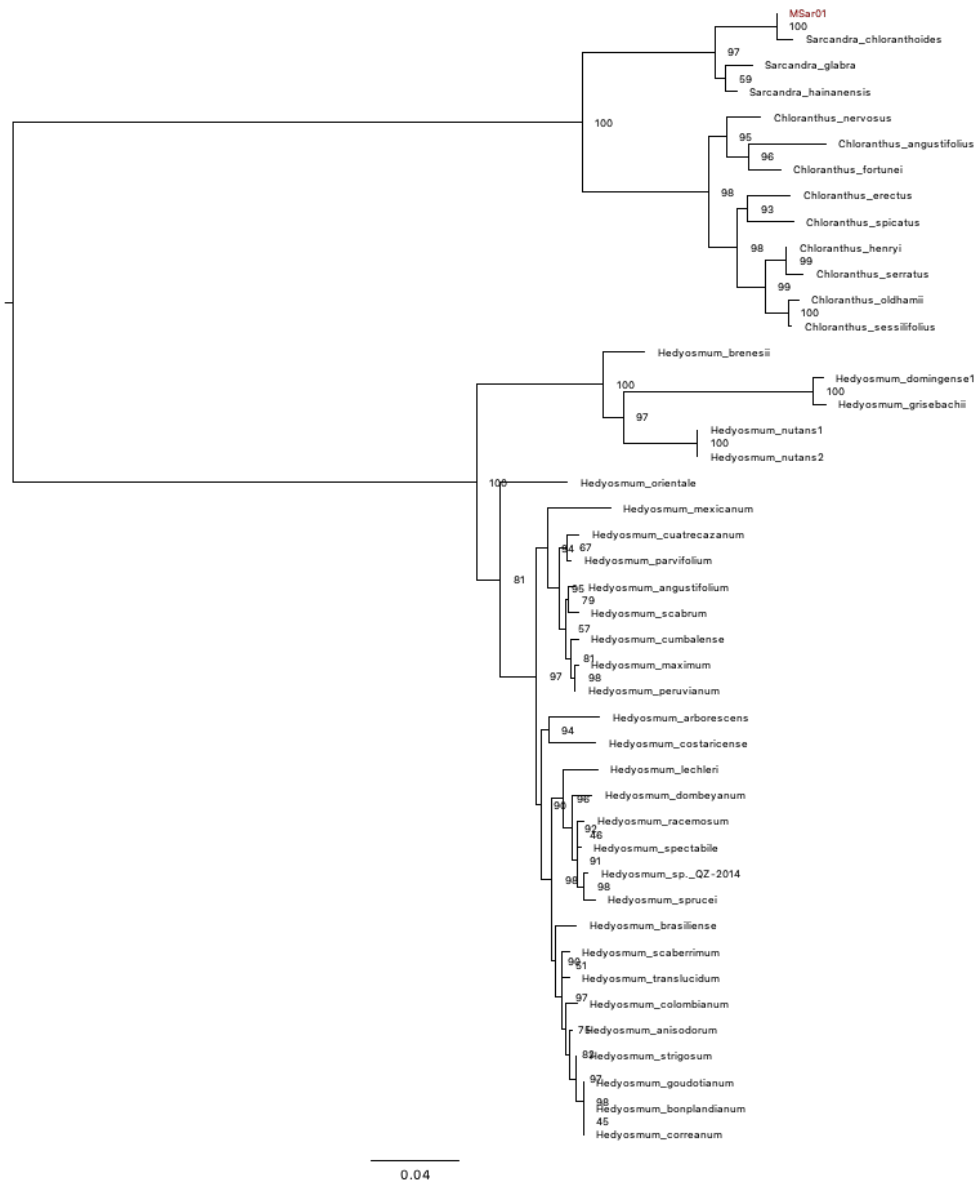


Figure 3.12: Maximum Likelihood phylogeny of the family *Chloranthaceae*.

The maximum likelihood phylogeny was generated for 44 taxa using IQTREE for ITS sequences. Sample in red indicates taxa found in the Western Ghats. Numbers on the nodes depict posterior probability values for the clades.

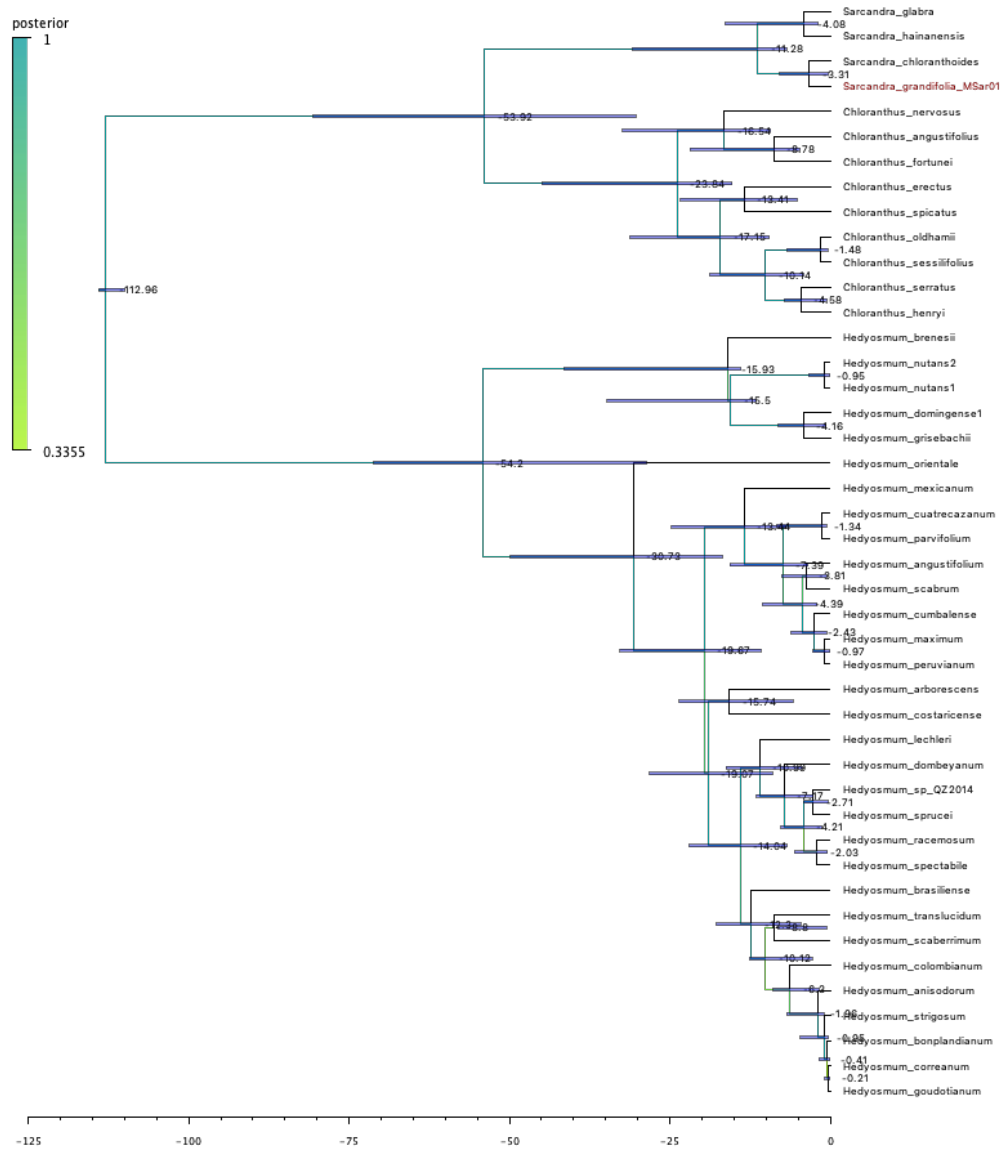


Figure 3.13: Time calibrated phylogeny of the family *Chloranthaceae* for 44 taxa.

Sample in red shows taxa native to the Western Ghats. The numbers on the nodes indicate mean ages with the node bars depicting 95% height HPD. Branch colours depict posterior probability of the clades with green being the lowest value and blue the highest.

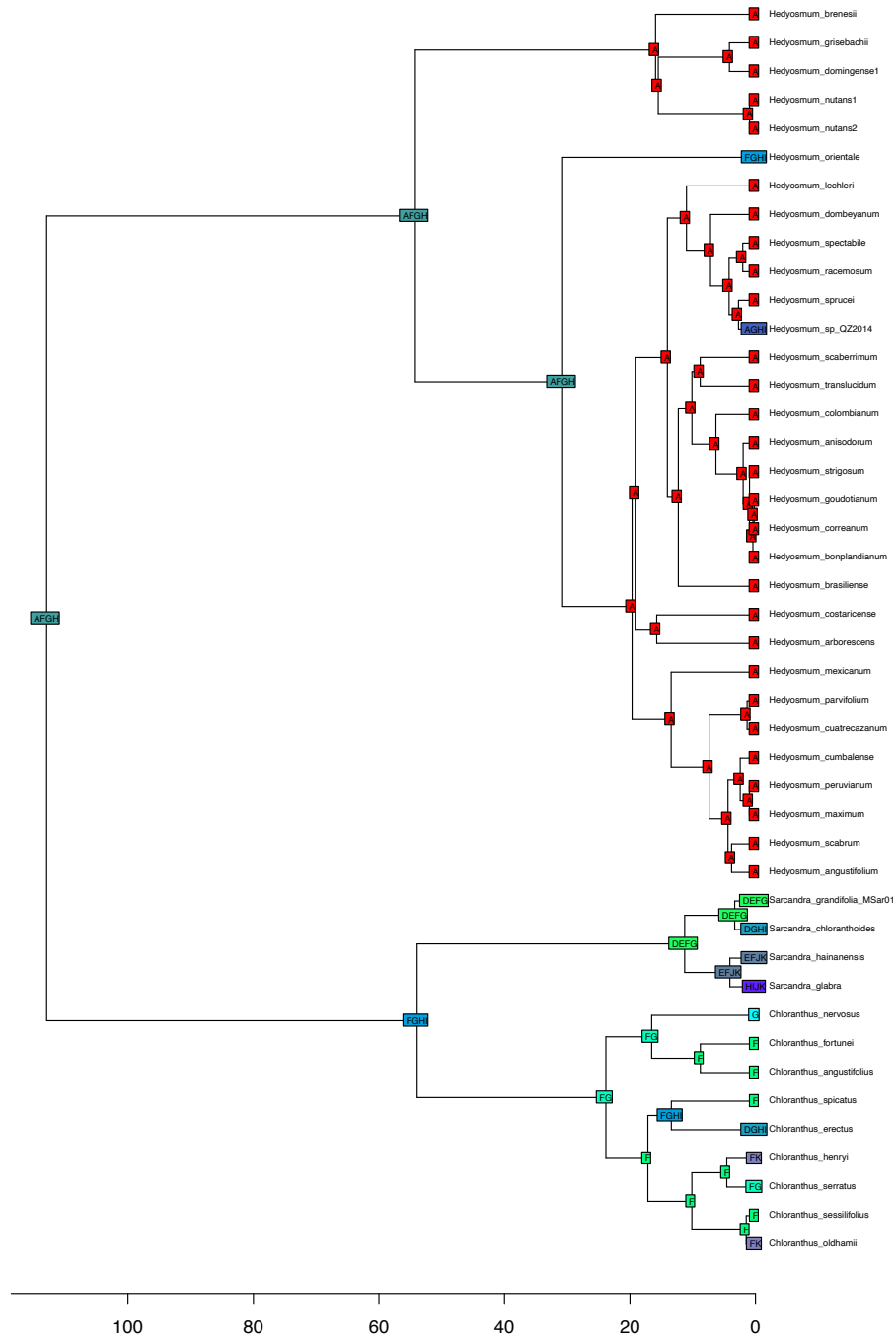


Figure 3.14: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Chloranthaceae*.

Geographic areas are coded as follows - A=America, D=India, E=Sri Lanka, F=China, G=Continental Asia, H=Sunda Shelf, I = Sahul Shelf, J=PNG, K=Philippines. LnL value -106.8

3.3.4 Dipterocarpaceae

Maximum likelihood (Figure 3.15) and time-calibrated (Figure 3.16) phylogenies were generated for a 158 taxa of the family *Dipterocarpaceae* using the target loci - matK, trnL, and trnF (Sanil et al., 2022). The dated phylogeny gave the family an age of c. 87.5 myr. Nine clades (Table 3.3) were found with taxa endemic or native to the Western Ghats. Maximum likelihood for the *Dipterocarpaceae*s found that individualspecies level clades were not well supported but the larger genus level clades were. Clade I included the taxa *Dipterocarpus bourdilonii* (PP 18), a Western Ghats endemic, found amongst taxa from Sri Lanka, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf. Clade II was made of *Dipterocarpus indicus* (PP 12), a Western Ghats endemic, sister to samples from China, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf. Clade III also included the taxa *Dipterocarpus bourdilonii* (PP 37), the clade sat amongst species from the Sunda Shelf, Continental Asia, and Sri Lanka. Although clade I and III had taxonomically identical species, the taxa placed very differently in the phylogenies. All three clades had a minimum node age of 14.96 myr and DEC+J analysis (Figure 3.17) indicated a Sunda Shelf origin.

Clade IV hosted the taxa *Vateria macrocarpa* and *Vateria indica*, both Western Ghats endemics, clade was no well supported and sat amongst taxa from Sri Lanka. It had a minimum node age of 30.41 myr and showed signals from Sri Lanka and the Sunda Shelf. Clade V was the sample *Vatica chinensis*, a Ghats and Sri Lankan native found amongst taxa from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. The clade had a minimum node age of 11.49 myr and indicated a Sunda Shelf origin. Clade VI (PP 46) and VII (PP 47) had the widespread taxa - *Shorea roxburghii*, now *Anthoshorea roxburghii*. The clades were taxonomically identical but placed very differently in the phylogenies. Clade VI had a minimum node age of 16.92 myr and Clade VII had a minimum node age of 26.42 myr. Both clades showed a Sunda Shelf signal of origin.

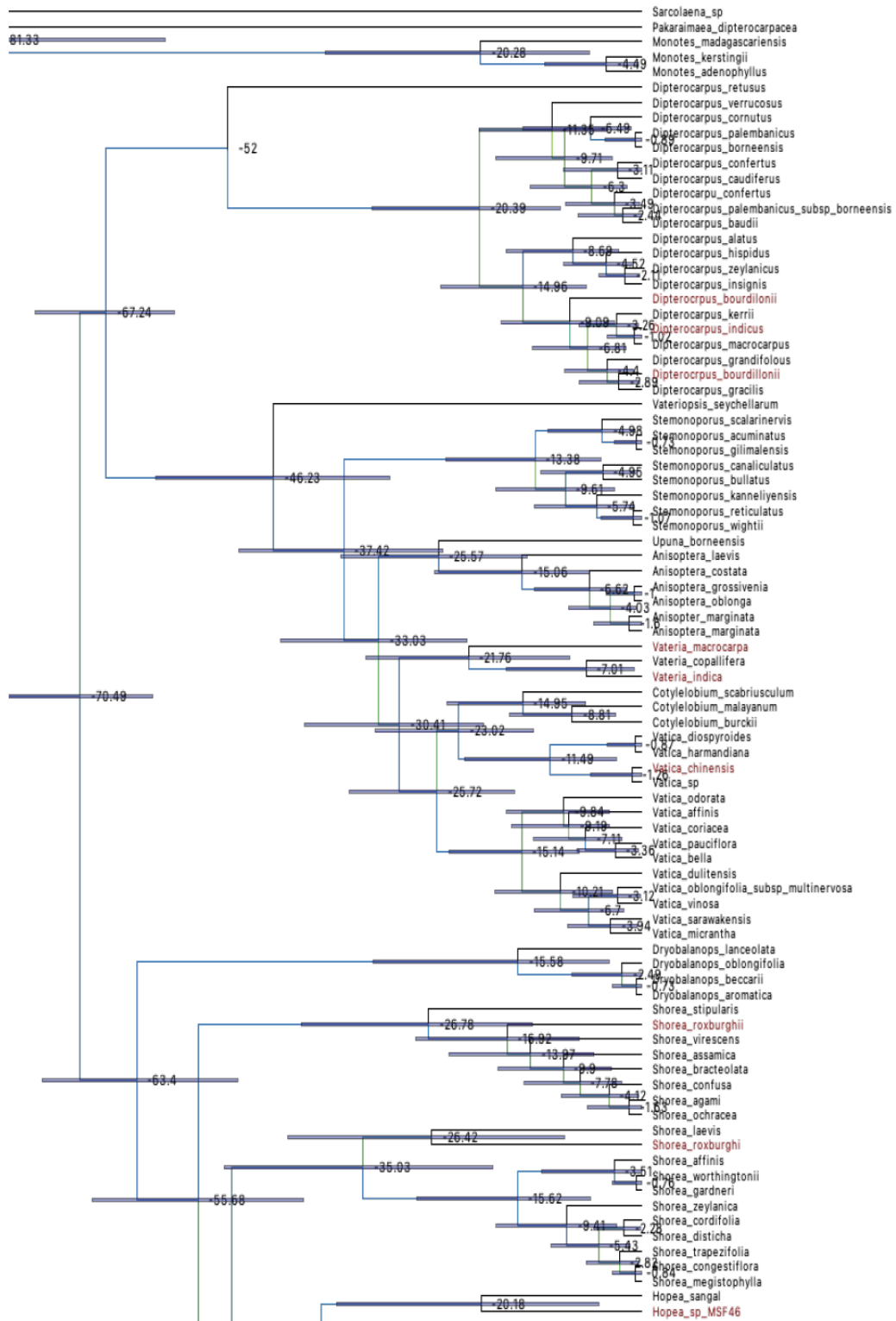
Clade VIII had the taxa *Hopea sp* (PP 82), a Western Ghats endemic present amongst samples from Sri Lanka, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf. The clade had a minimum node age of 40.28 million years and showed Sunda Shelf origin. Clade IX had the taxa *Hopea canarensis*, *Hopea ponga* (PP 44), *Hopea racophloea* (PP 13), and *Hopea racholphea* (PP 35), *Hopea glabra* (PP 66), *Hopea erosa* (PP 62), *Hopea parviflora* (PP 62), *Hopea utilis* (PP 100/83), and *Hopea sasiharanii* (PP100/83) all endemic to the Western Ghats. *Hopea racophloea* and *Hopea racholphea* are taxonomically identical but placed differently in the phylogenies. The clade had a minimum node age of 32.17 million years and showed a Continental Asian and Sunda Shelf origin. Based on the time-calibrated phylogeny it appears that the family *Dipterocarpaceae* first arrived to the Western Ghats 40.28 million years ago. The family has seen multiple dispersals to this tropical mountain range between c.7 and 40 million years ago. Dispersal to the Ghats has occurred predominantly from the Sunda Shelf.





Figure 3.15: Maximum Likelihood tree for the family *Dipterocarpaceae*.

The maximum likelihood phylogeny was generated for 158 taxa using IQTREE for the target loci matK, trnL, and trnF for 158 taxa. Samples in red indicate taxa found in the Western Ghats. Numbers on the nodes depict posterior probability values for the clades.



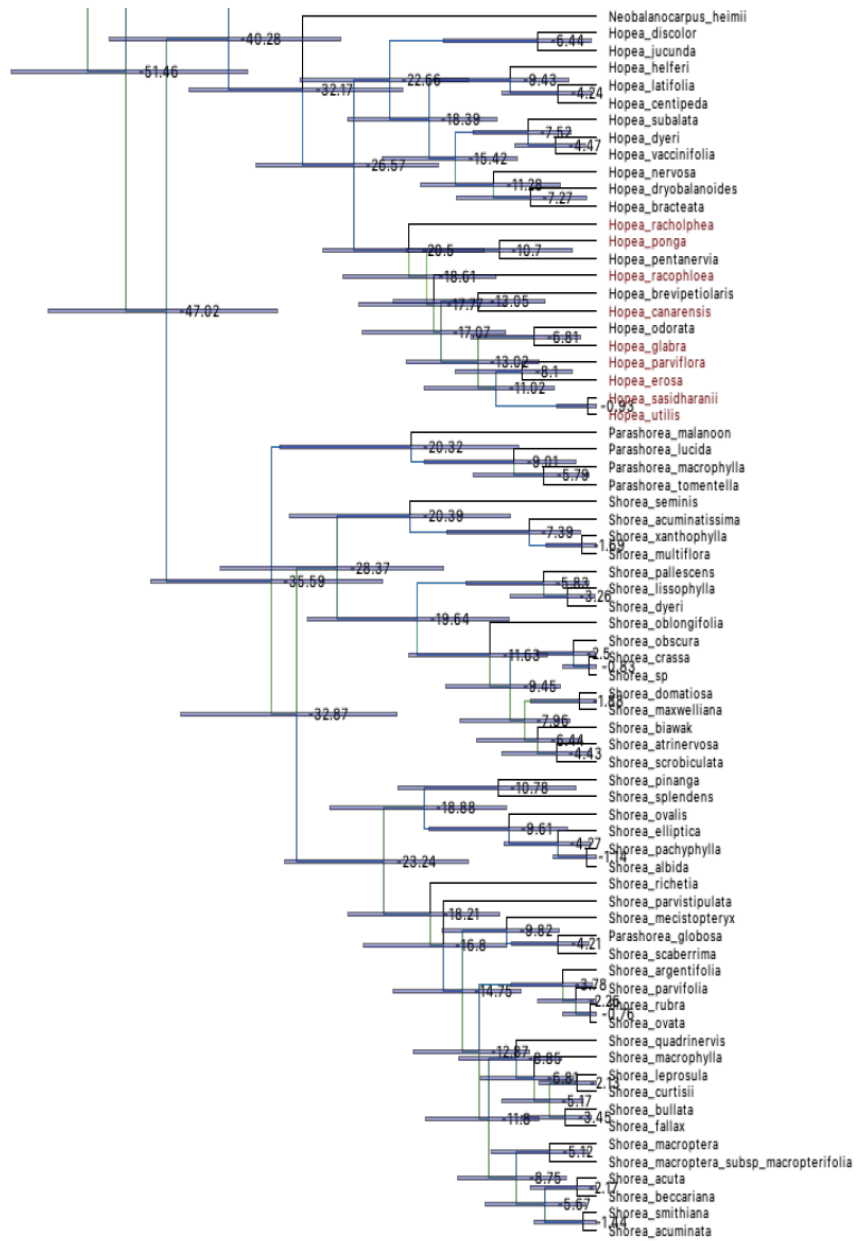
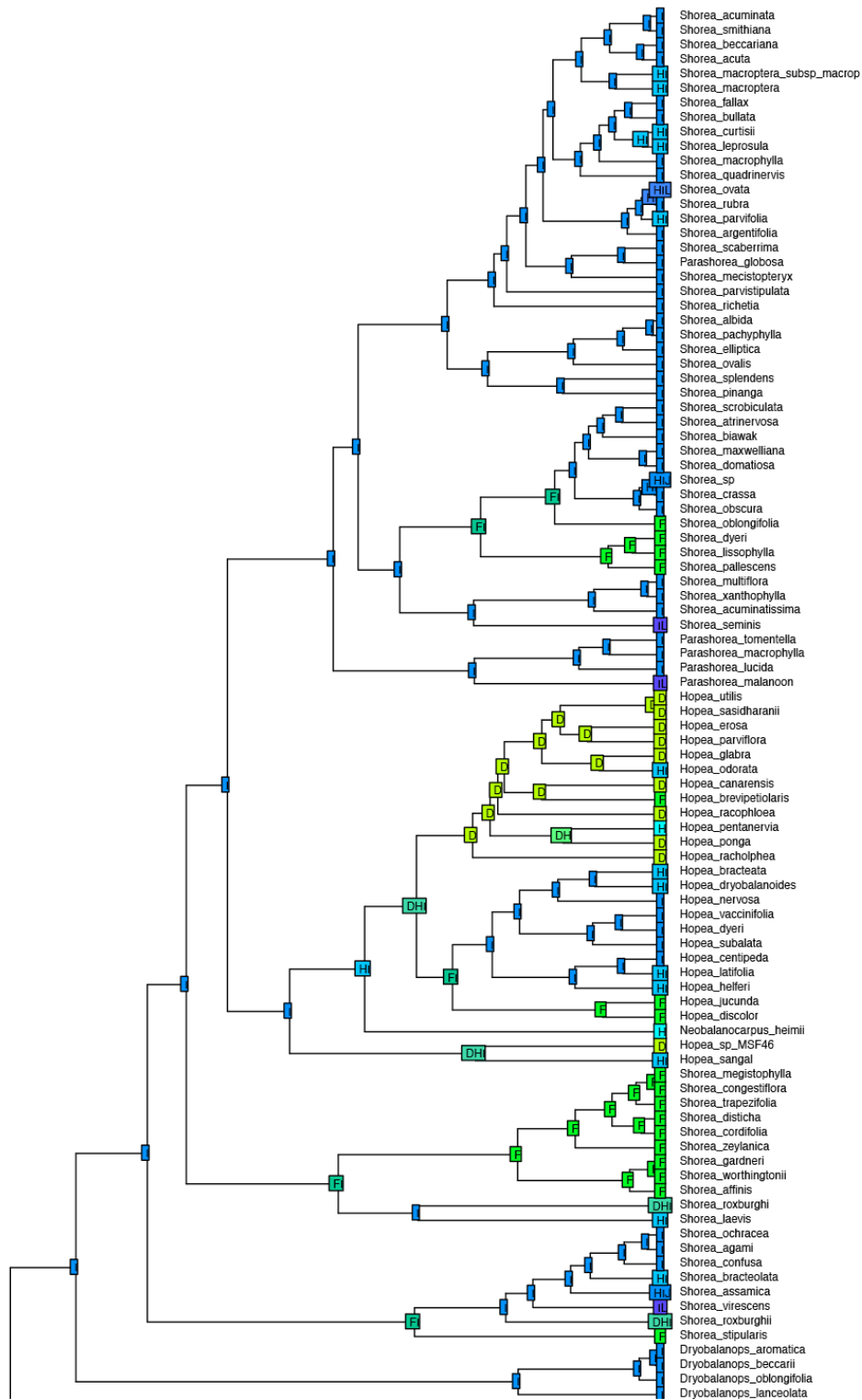


Figure 3.16: Time calibrated phylogeny of the family *Dipterocarpaceae* for 158 taxa.

Samples in red depict taxa endemic or native to the Western Ghats. The numbers on the nodes indicate mean ages with the node bars depicting 95% height HPD. Branch colours depict posterior probability of the clades with green being the lowest value and blue the highest.



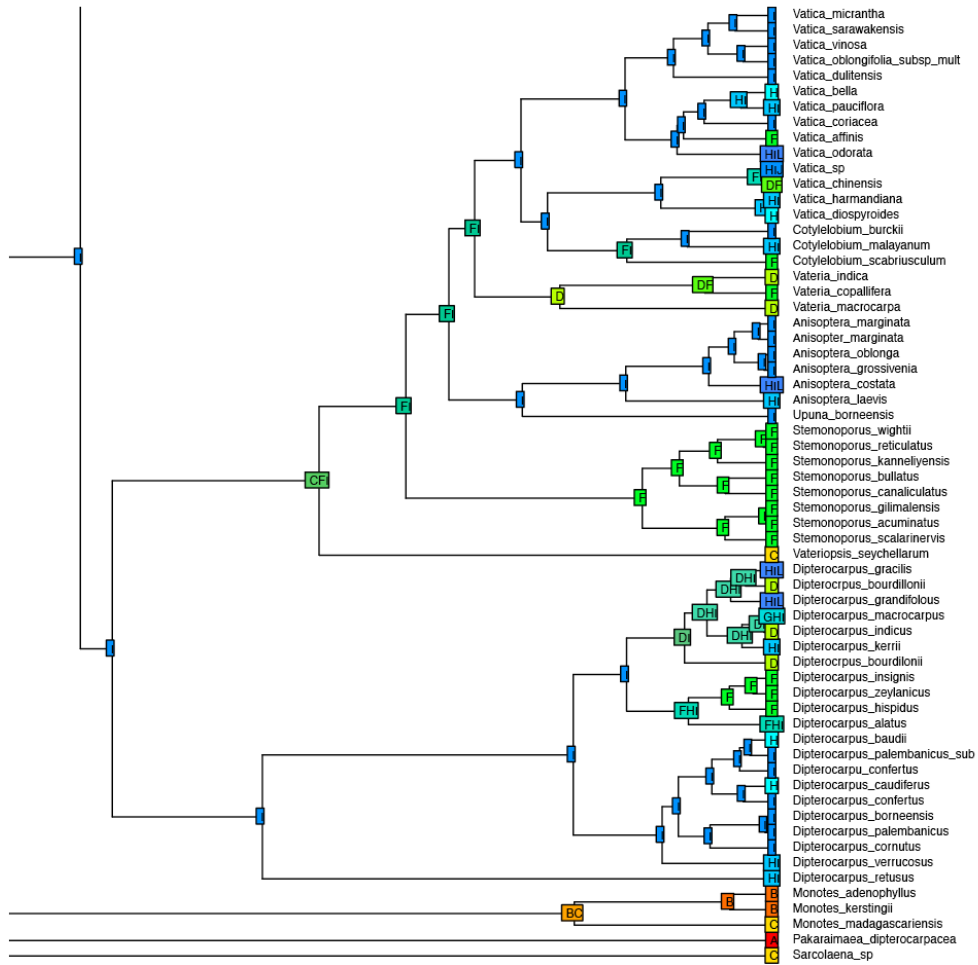


Figure 3.17: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Dipterocarpaceae*.

Geographic areas are coded as follows - A=America (Red), B=Africa (Orange), C=Madagascar (Yellow), D=Western Ghats (Light green), F=Sri Lanka (Neon green), H=Continental Asia (Light blue), I=Sunda Shelf (Indigo). LnL value of -390.08. Clades listed in Table 3.3.

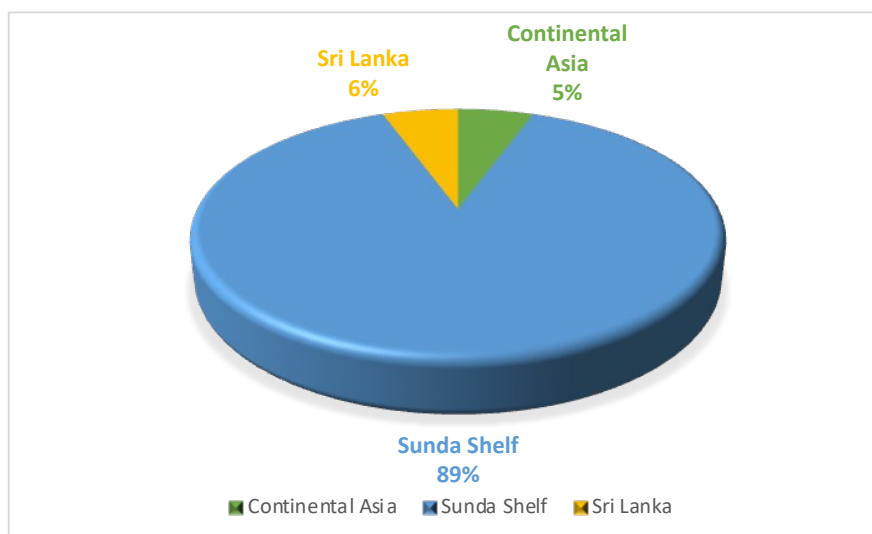


Figure 3.18: Pie chart depicting the geographic areas of origins for the Western Ghats clades of *Dipterocarpaceae*.

Clade	Taxa in the clade	Minimum age (mya)	Area Code
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> I	<i>Dipterocrpus bourdilonii</i>	14.96	I
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> II	<i>Dipterocarpus indicus</i>	14.96	I
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> III	<i>Dipterocrpus bourdilonii</i>	14.96	I
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> IV	<i>Vateria macrocarpa</i> , <i>Vateria indica</i>	30.41	FI
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> V	<i>Vatica chinensis</i>	11.49	I
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> VI	<i>Shorea roxburghii</i>	16.92	I
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> VII	<i>Shorea roxburghii</i>	26.42	I
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> VIII	<i>Hopea</i> sp MSF46	40.28	I
<i>Dipterocarpaceae</i> IX	<i>Hopea canarensis</i> , <i>Hopea ponga</i> , <i>Hopea racophloea</i> , <i>Hopea racholphea</i> , <i>Hopea glabra</i> , <i>Hopea erosa</i> , <i>Hopea parviflora</i> , <i>Hopea utilis</i> , <i>Hopea sasidharanii</i>	32.17	HI

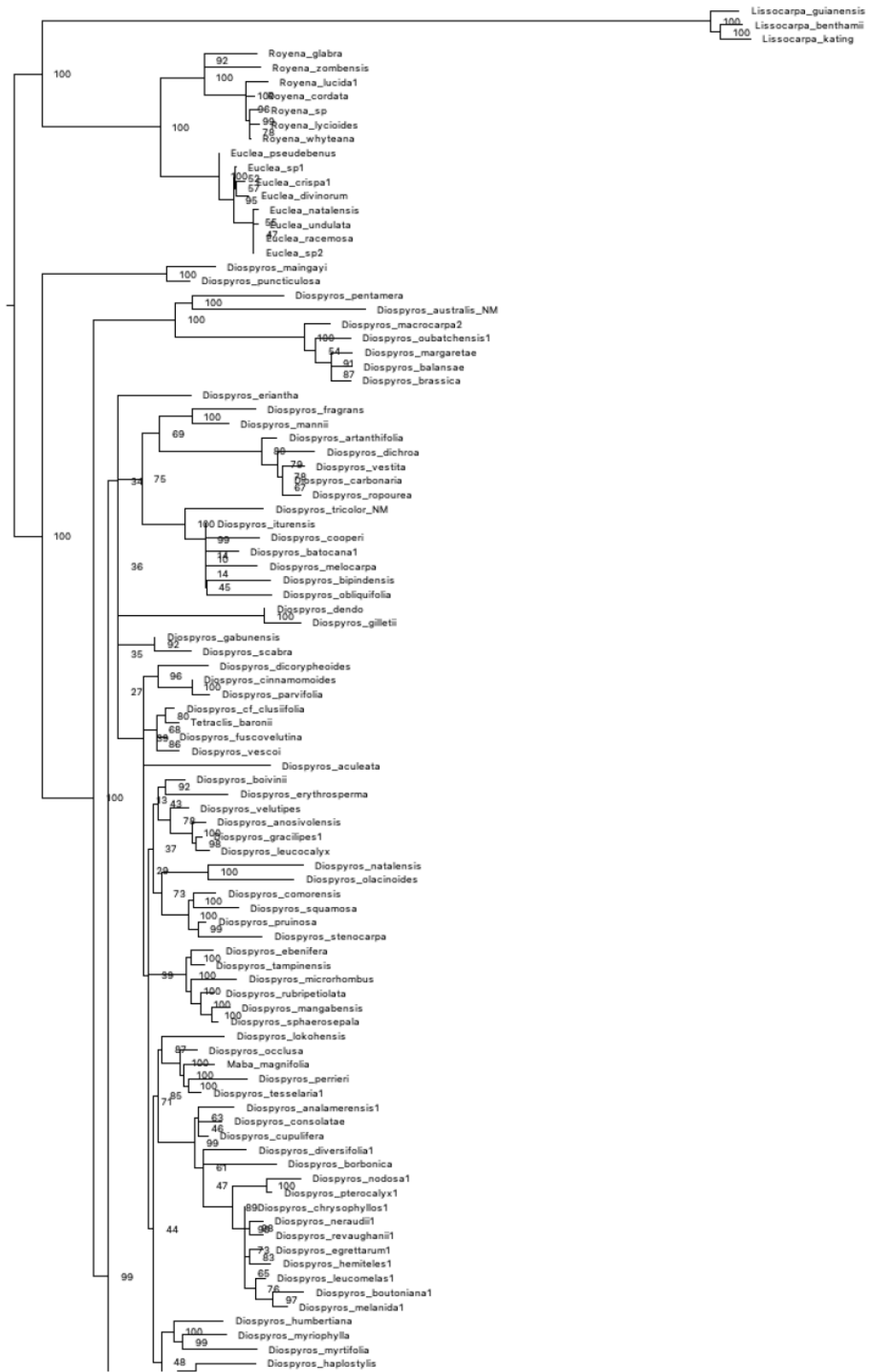
Table 3.3: *Dipterocarpaceae* table showing clade number, taxa found in each clade, their minimum age, and geographic origin.

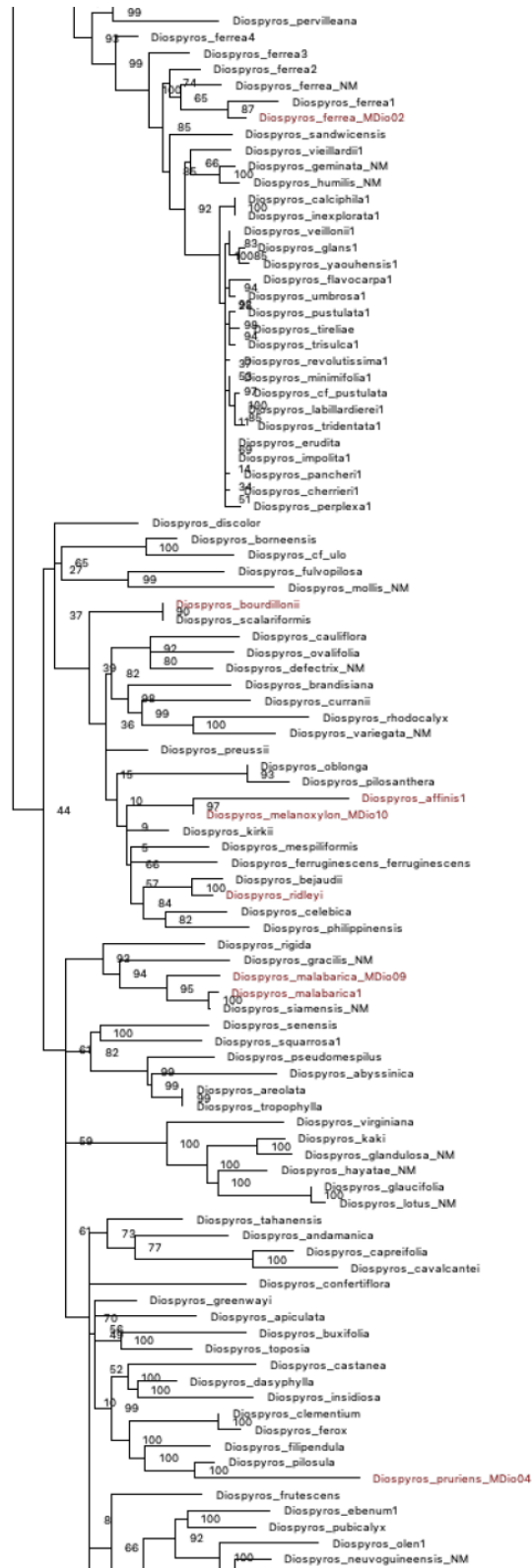
3.3.5 Ebenaceae

Maximum likelihood (Figure 3.19) and time-calibrated (Figure 3.20) phylogenies were generated for 228 taxa of the family *Ebenaceae* focused on the genus *Diospyros* using the target loci *atpB*, *rbcL*, *matK*, and *trnS* (Turner et al., 2013). The dated phylogeny indicated that the genus *Diospyros* split away from *Ebenaceae* approximately 95 million years ago. Eight clades (Table 3.4) were found with taxa endemic or native to the Western Ghats, these are highlighted red in these phylogenies. The phylogeny was relatively well supported for most clades unless otherwise specified. Clade I hosted the widespread and taxonomic nightmare *Diospyros ferrea* (PP 87), it was placed amongst other *Diospyros ferrea* from around the world. The clade had a minimum node age 13.14 myr and showed Continental Asian origin. Clade II included the Western Ghats endemic *Diospyros bourdilonii* (PP 90), it placed amongst taxa from Continental Asia. The clade had a minimum node age of 42.87 myr and showed a Continental Asian signal.

Clade III had the taxa *Diospyros melanoxydon* and *Diospyros affinis* (PP 97/10), both Western Ghats and Sri Lankan natives found amongst samples from Continental Asia, and the Sunda and Sahul shelves. The clade had a minimum node age of 29.04 myr and indicated a Sunda Shelf origin. Clade IV was made of the Western Ghats and Sunda Shelf native, *Diospyros ridleyi* (PP 100/84), the clade sat between taxa from America, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf. It had a minimum node age of 8.44 myr and showed roots in Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. Clade V was well supported and had the taxa *Diospyros malabarica1* and *Diospyros malabarica_MDio09*, the taxa are taxonomically identical but place sister in the phylogenies. The clade had a minimum node age of 28.47 myr and originated from Continental Asia. Clade VI was well supported and had the taxa *Diospyros pruriens*, a Western Ghats endemic, sat amongst taxa from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. It had a minimum node age of 20.86 myr and showed a Continental Asian origin.

Clade VII had the taxa *Diospyros ebenum* and *Diospyros montana*, the clade was well supported and sat sister to taxa from Sri Lanka and Continental Asia. *Diospyros ebenum* is native to the Western Ghats and Sri Lanka, while *Diospyros montana* is a widespread species found throughout tropical Asia. The clade had a minimum node age of 25.22 myr and showed a Continental Asian signal of origin. Clade VIII hosted the taxa *Diospyros sylvatica* a native of the Western Ghats and Sri Lanka. The clade is well supported and was amongst taxa from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. The dated phylogeny showed that the genus *Diospyros* arrived several times to the Western Ghats between c.8 and 42 million years ago. DEC+J analysis (Figure 3.21) showed this genus to have arrived to the Western Ghats largely from Continental Asia and partially the Sunda Shelf.





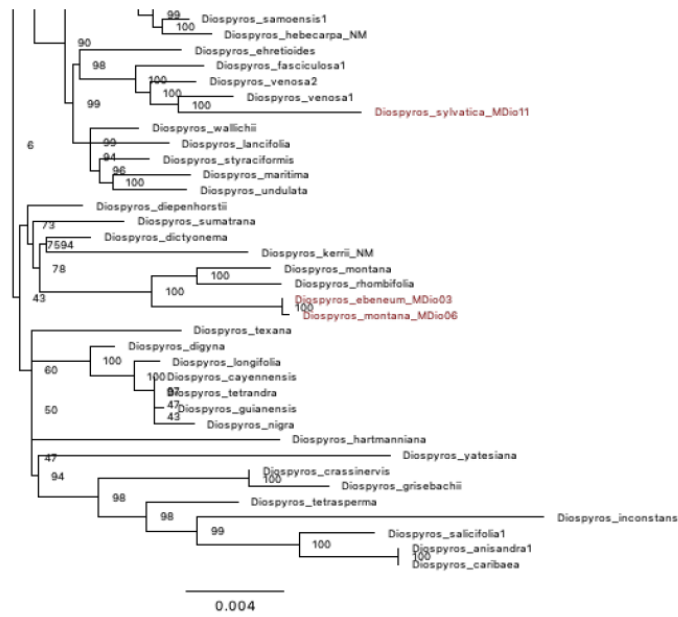
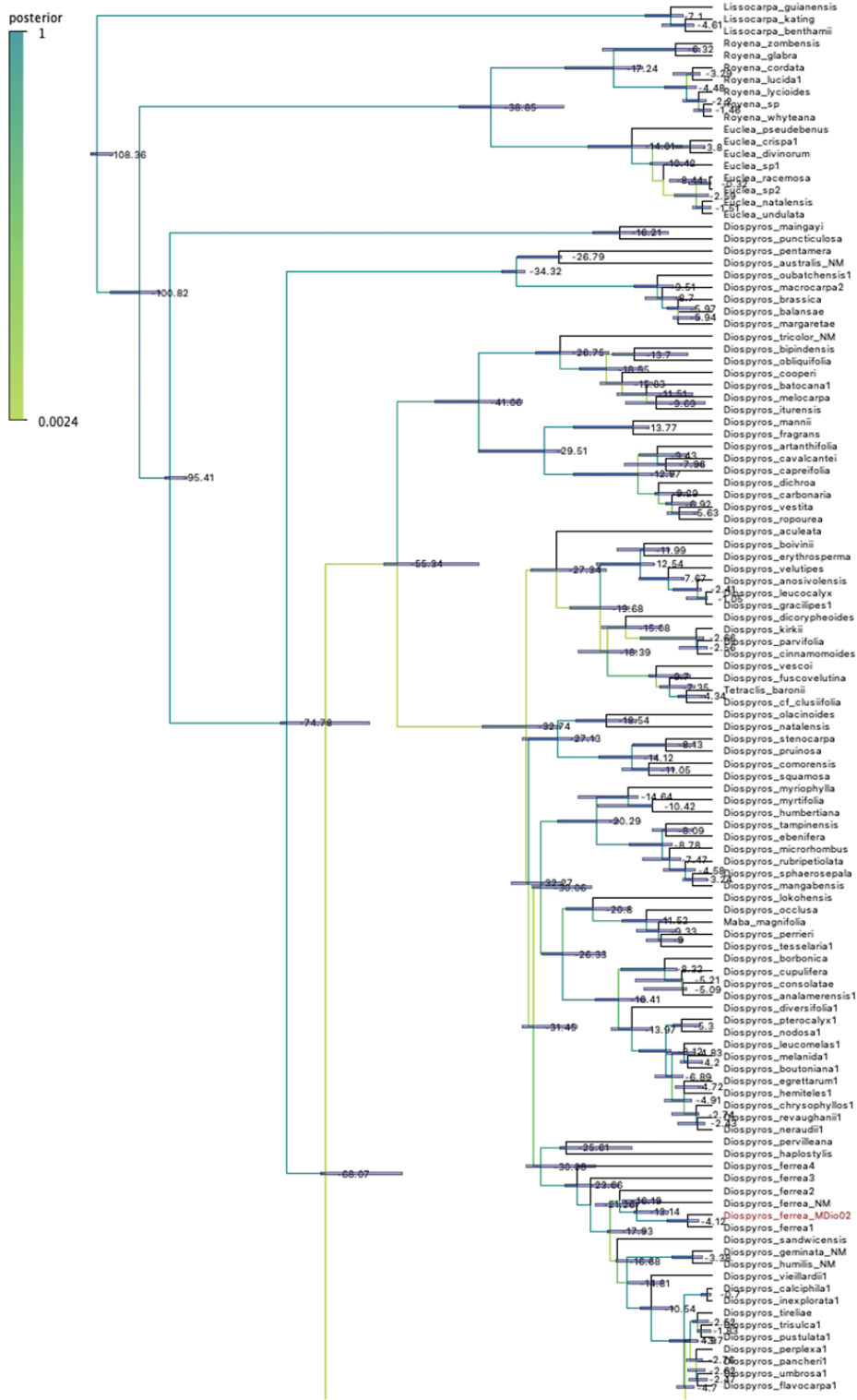


Figure 3.19: Maximum Likelihood phylogeny for the family *Ebenaceae* focused on genus *Diospyros*.

The maximum likelihood phylogeny was generated for 228 taxa using IQTREE for the target loci *atpB*, *rbcl*, *matK*, and *trnS*. Samples in red indicate taxa found in the Western Ghats. Numbers on the nodes depict posterior probability values for the clades.



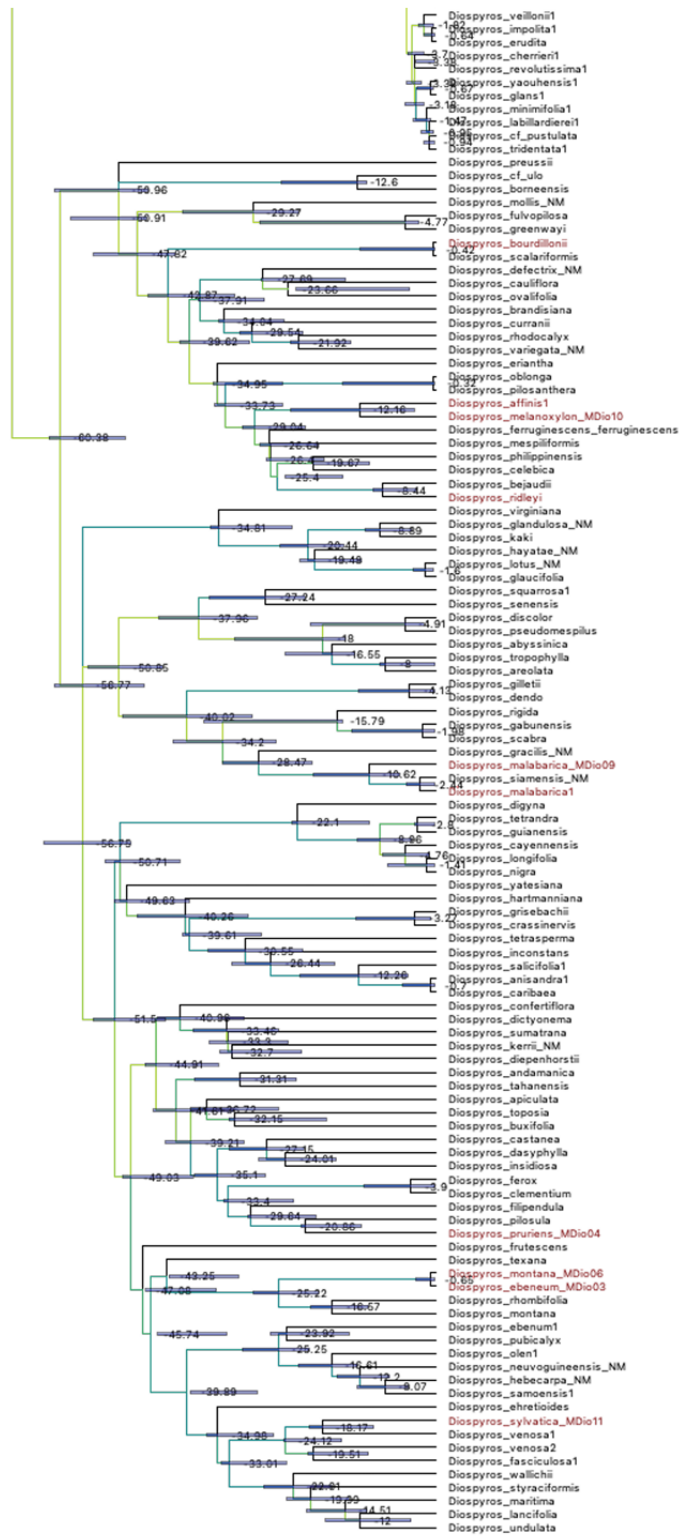
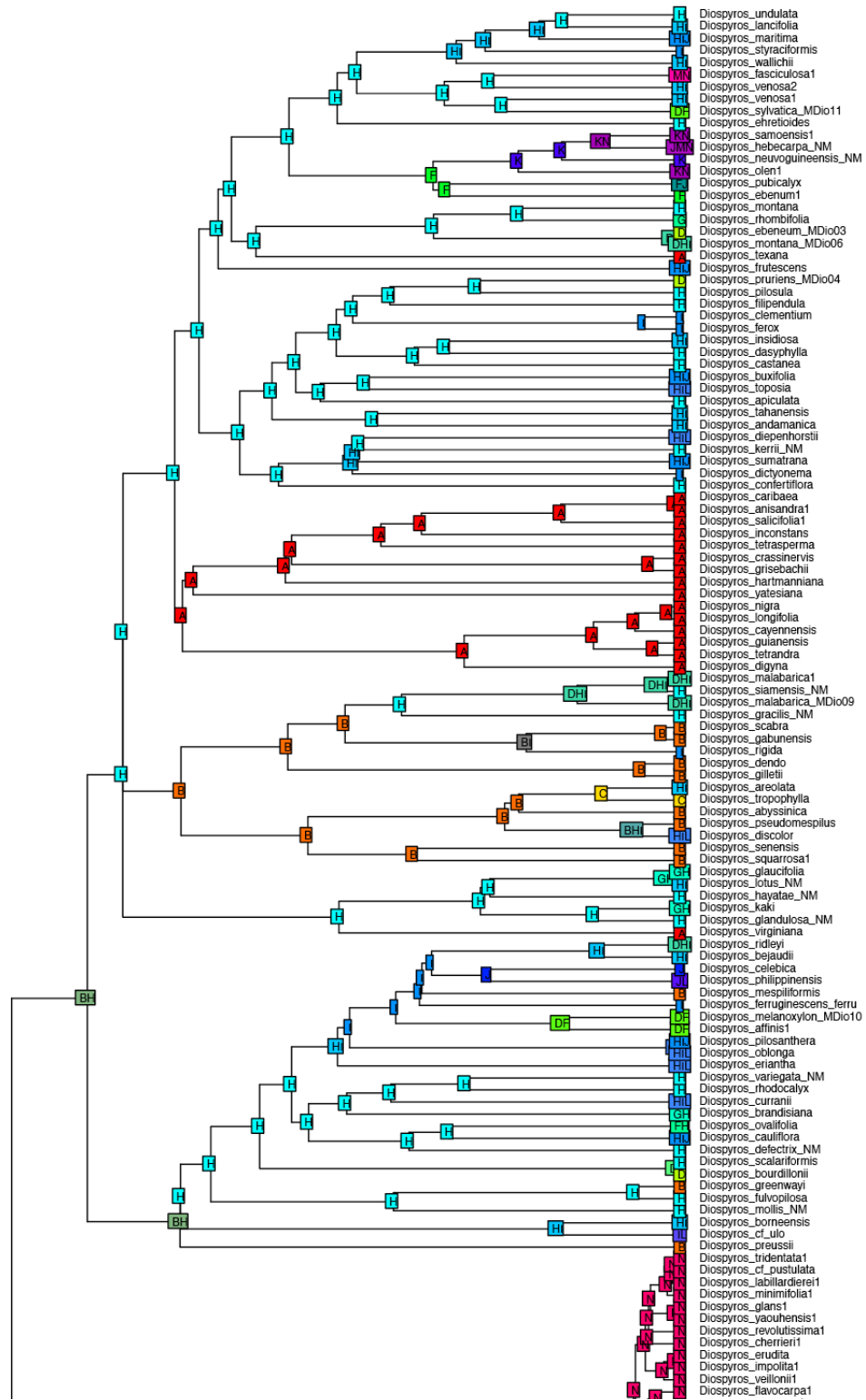


Figure 3.20: Time calibrated phylogeny of *Ebenaceae* focused on the genus *Diospyros* for 228 taxa.

Samples in red depict taxa endemic or native to the Western Ghats. The numbers on the nodes indicate mean ages with the node bars depicting 95% height HPD. Branch colours depict posterior probability of the clades with green being the lowest value and blue the highest.



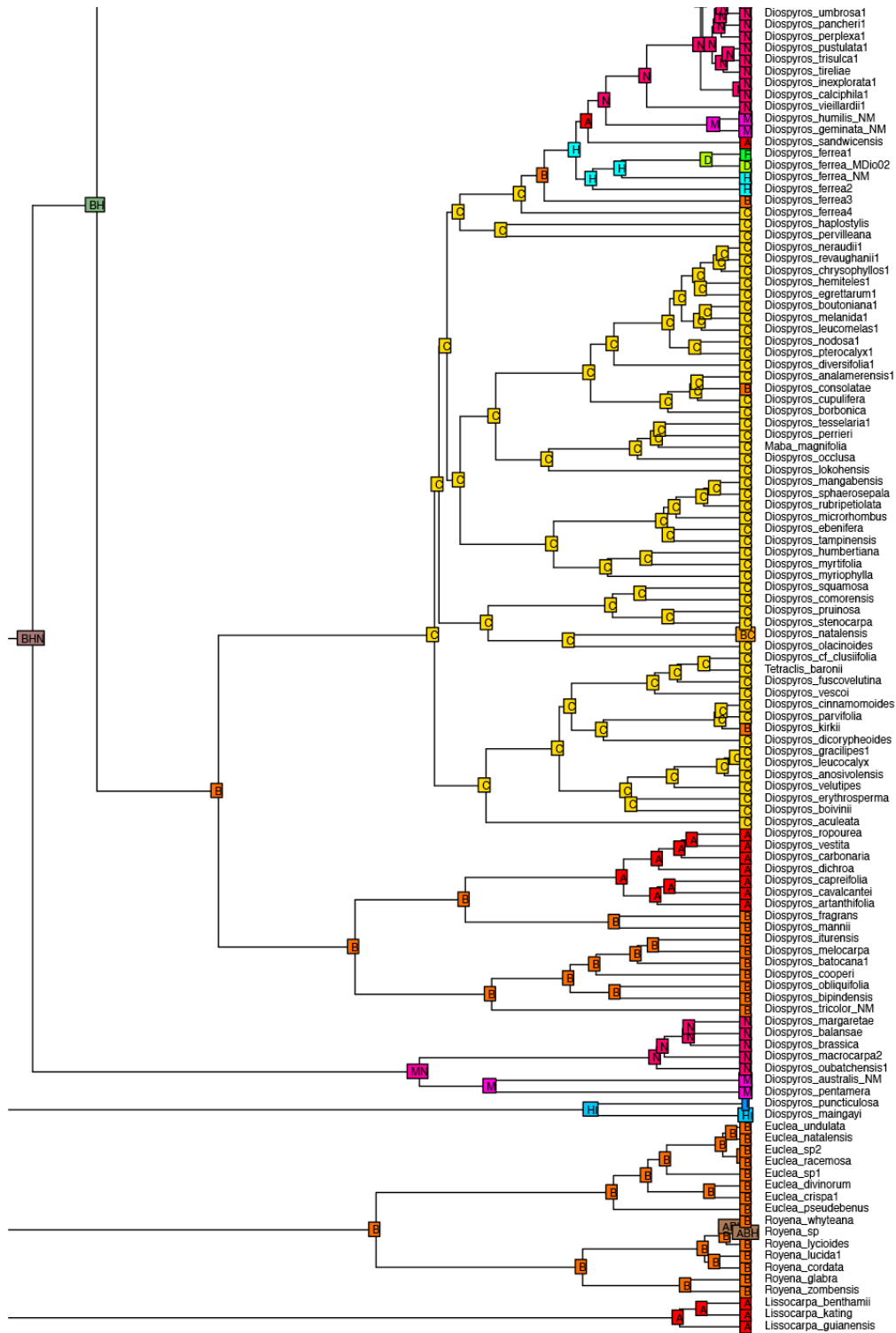


Figure 3.21: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Ebenaceae* focused on the genus *Diospyros*.

Geographic areas are coded as follows - A=America (Red), B=Africa (Orange), C=Madagascar (Yellow), D=Western Ghats (Light green), F=Sri Lanka (Neon green), H=Continental Asia (Light blue), I=Sunda Shelf (Indigo), J=Sahul Shelf (Royal blue). LnL value of -518.33. Clades listed in Table 3.4.

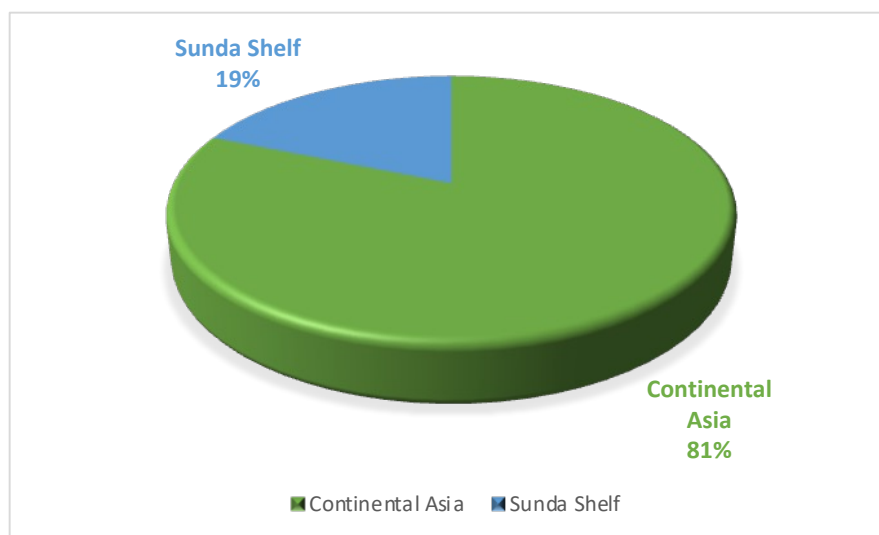


Figure 3.22: Pie chart depicting the geographic areas of origins for the Western Ghats clades of *Diospyros*, *Ebenaceae*.

Clade	Taxa in clade	Minimum age (mya)	Area code
<i>Ebenaceae</i> I	<i>Diospyros ferrea</i> MDio02	13.14	H
<i>Ebenaceae</i> II	<i>Diospyros bourdilonii</i>	42.87	H
<i>Ebenaceae</i> III	<i>Diospyros melanoxylon</i> MDio10 and <i>Diospyros affinis</i>	29.04	I
<i>Ebenaceae</i> IV	<i>Diospyros ridleyi</i>	8.44	HI
<i>Ebenaceae</i> V	<i>Diospyros malabarica</i> 1 and <i>Diospyros malabarica</i> MDio09	28.47	H
<i>Ebenaceae</i> VI	<i>Diospyros pruriens</i> MDio04	20.86	H
<i>Ebenaceae</i> VII	<i>Diospyros ebneum</i> MDio03, <i>Diospyros montana</i> MDio06	25.22	H
<i>Ebenaceae</i> VIII	<i>Diospyros sylvatica</i> MDio11	18.17	H

Table 3.4: *Diospyros*, *Ebenaceae* table showing clade number, taxa found in each clade, their minimum age, and geographic origin.

3.3.6 Lauraceae

Maximum likelihood (Figure 3.23) and time calibrated (Figure 3.24) phylogenies were generated for 181 taxa of *Lauraceae* using ITS sequences (Chanderbali et al., 2001; Huang et al., 2016; Song et al., 2020). Seven clades (Table 3.5) were found endemic or native to the Ghats. All taxa in these clades were well supported. Clade I hosted the widespread species *Persea macrantha* now *Machilus glaucescens*, it was amongst taxa from America, Sri Lanka and Continental Asia. The clade had a minimum node age of 14.67 myr and showed origin signals from America, Sri Lanka and Continental Asia. Clade II had the Western Ghats and Sri Lankan native *Alseodaphne semecarpifolia*. The clade sits amongst taxa from Africa, Continental Asia, and the Sahul Shelf. It had a minimum node age of 21.7 myr and the DEC+J analysis (Figure 3.25) indicated Sahul Shelf origin. Clade II had the taxa *Litsea glabrata*, *Litsea sp_MS F24*, and *Litsea coriacea*, all Western Ghats endemics sister to taxa from China, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf. The clade had a minimum node age of 10.07 myr and arrived from Continental Asia.

Clade IV hosted the Western Ghats endemic *Actinodaphne hookeri* now *Actinodaphne lanceolata*. The clade was sister to taxa from the Ghats and Continental Asia. It had a minimum node age of 9.83 million years and showed Continental Asian origin.

Clade V had the samples *Neolitsea zeylanica* and *Neolitsea oblonga*. The samples are native to the Western Ghats but require taxonomic clarification. The clade sat amongst taxa from China and Continental Asia, it had a minimum node age of 5.76 myr and indicated a Continental Asian origin. Clade VI had the taxa *Litsea ligustrina* and *Litsea deccanensis*, native to the Western Ghats, Sri Lanka, and Continental Asia. The clade was amongst samples from China and Continental Asia. It had a minimum node age of 18.13 myr and showed Continental Asian origin.

Clade VII included the Western Ghats taxa *Cinnamomum sp MSF4*, *Cinnamomum sp MSF32*, *Cinnamomum sp MSF6*, *Cinnamomum sp MSF26* (PP 51), *Cinnamomum malabattrum MSF31*, the widespread *Cinnamomum iners MCin13*, and the Ghats and Continental Asian native *Cinnamomum macrocarpum MCin14*. Many of the taxa in this clade were field collected samples of different *Cinnamomum* species that require species determination. The clade was present amongst other *Cinnamomum* species from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. It had a minimum node age of 11.3 million years and appears to have arrived from Continental Asia. The analyses suggest the arrival of *Lauraceae* taxa several times between c.5 and 22 million years ago. Taxa seem to have dispersed largely from the geographic regions of Continental Asia, with some arrivals from China and the Sahul Shelf.



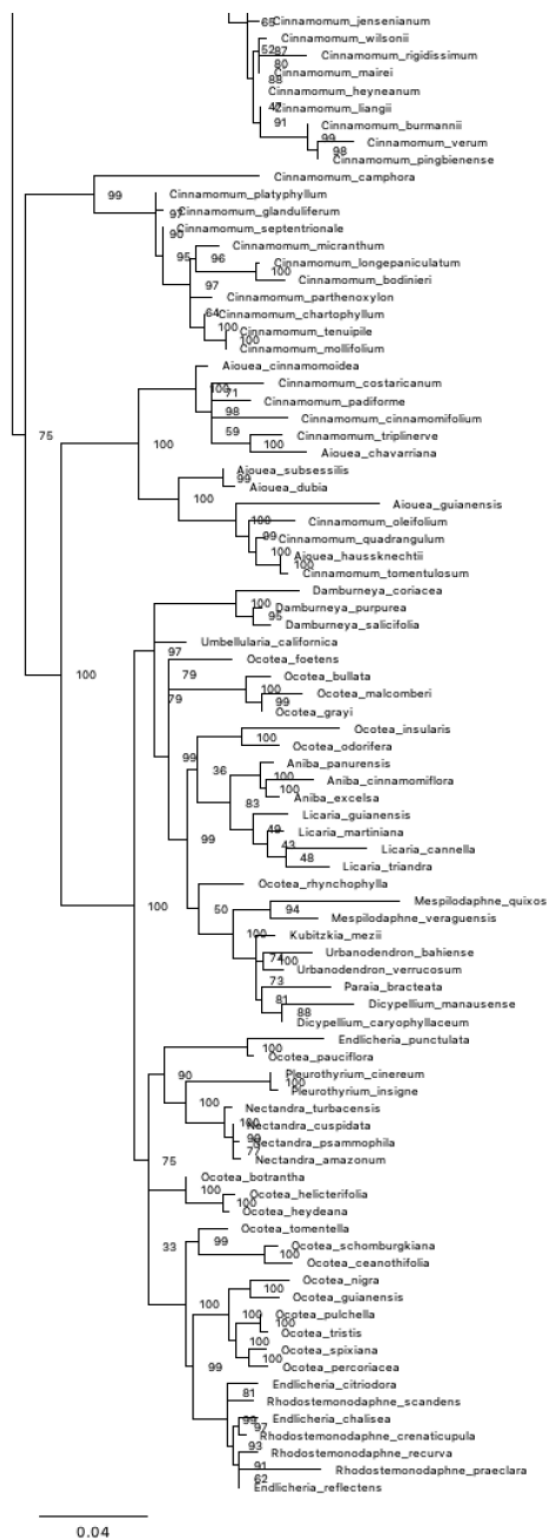


Figure 3.23: Maximum Likelihood phylogeny for the family *Lauraceae*.

The maximum likelihood phylogeny was generated for 182 taxa using IQTREE for ITS sequences. Samples in red indicate taxa found in the Western Ghats. Numbers on the nodes depict posterior probability values for the clades.

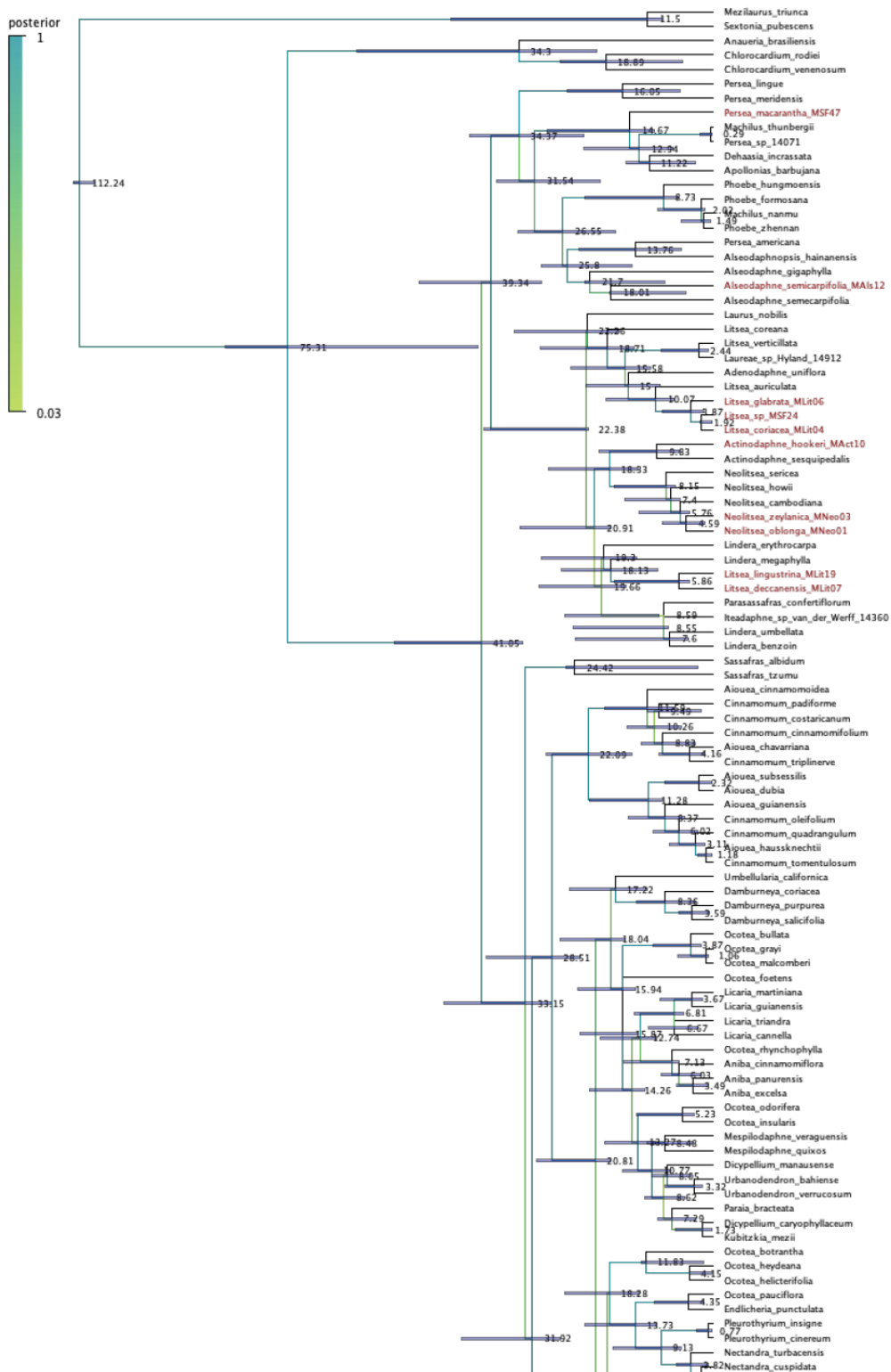
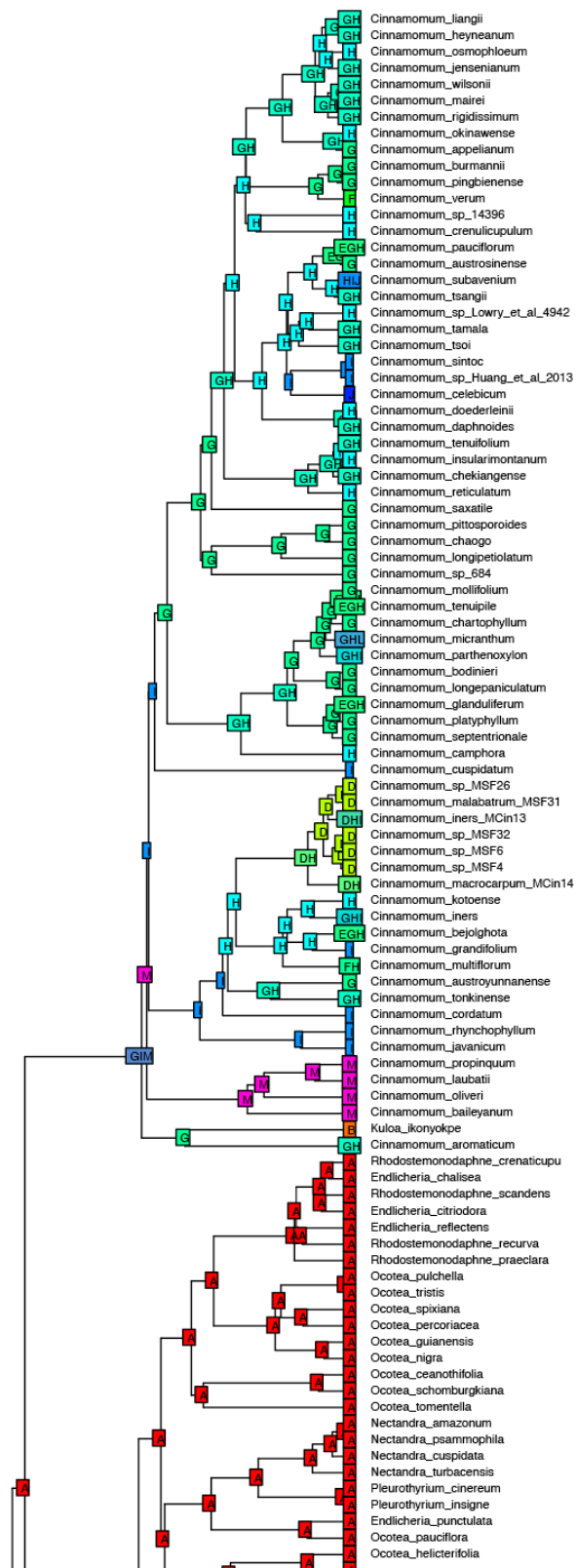




Figure 3.24: Time calibrated phylogeny of the family *Lauraceae* for 181 taxa.

Samples in red depict taxa endemic or native to the Western Ghats. The numbers on the nodes indicate mean ages with the node bars depicting 95% height HPD. Branch colours depict posterior probability of the clades with green being the lowest value and blue the highest.



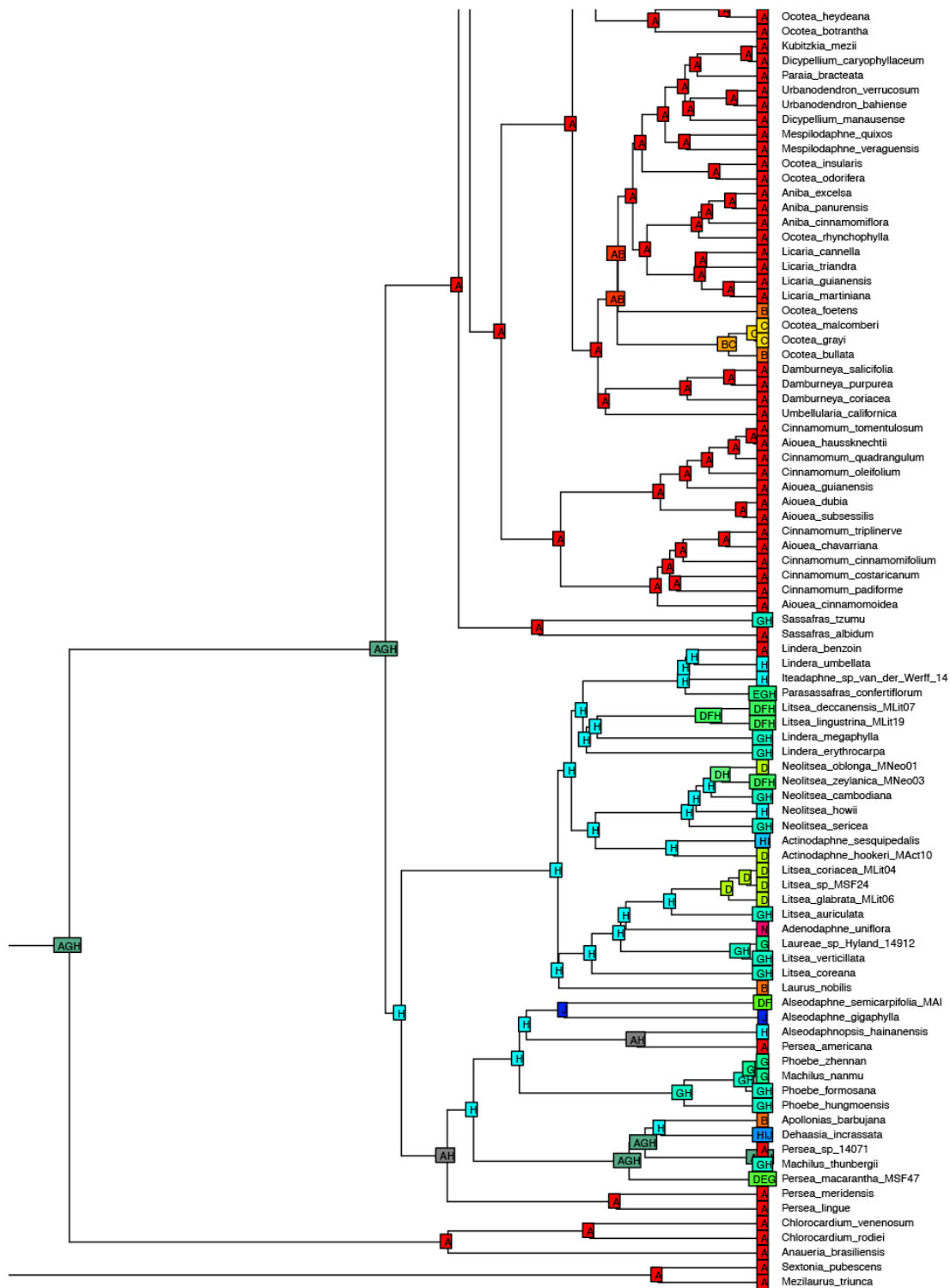


Figure 3.25: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Lauraceae*.

Geographic areas are coded as follows - A=America (Red), B=Africa (Orange), C=Madagascar (Yellow), D=Western Ghats (Light green), F=Sri Lanka (Neon green), G=China (Turquoise), H=Continental Asia (Light blue), I=Sunda Shelf (Indigo), J=Sahul Shelf (Royal blue), LnL value of -479.44. Clades listed in Table 3.5.

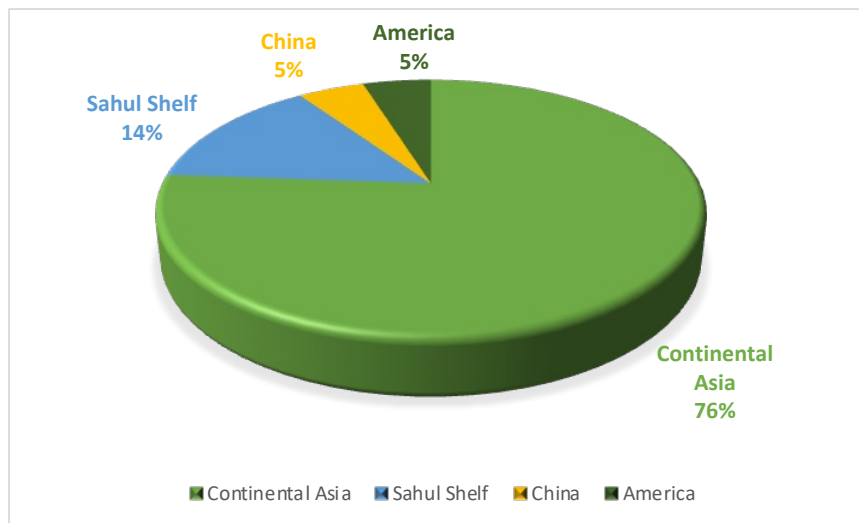


Figure 3.26: Pie chart depicting the geographic areas of origins for the Western Ghats clades of *Lauraceae*.

Clades	Taxa in clades	Minimum age (mya)	Area code
Lauraceae I	<i>Persea macrantha</i> MSF47	14.67	AGH
Lauraceae II	<i>Alseodaphne semecarpifolia</i> MAIs12	21.7	J
Lauraceae III	<i>Litsea glabrata</i> MLit06, <i>Litsea</i> sp MSF24, <i>Litsea coriacea</i> MLit04	10.07	H
Lauraceae IV	<i>Actinodaphne hookeri</i> MAct10	9.83	H
Lauraceae V	<i>Neolitsea zeylanica</i> MNeo03, <i>Neolitsea oblonga</i> MNeo01	5.76	H
Lauraceae VI	<i>Litsea ligustrina</i> MLit19, <i>Litsea deccanensis</i> MLit07	18.13	H
Lauraceae VII	<i>Cinnamomum macrocarpum</i> , <i>Cinnamomum</i> sp MSF4, <i>Cinnamomum</i> sp MSF32, <i>Cinnamomum</i> sp MSF6, <i>Cinnamomum iners</i> MCin13, <i>Cinnamomum</i> sp MSF26, <i>Cinnamomum malabattrum</i> MSF31	11.3	H

Table 3.5: *Lauraceae* table showing clade number, taxa found in each clade, their minimum age, and geographic origin.

3.3.7 Sapotaceae

Maximum likelihood (Figure 3.27) and time calibrated (Figure 3.28) phylogenies were generated for 168 taxa of the family *Sapotaceae* using ITS sequences (Kumarage, 2016). Five clades (Table 3.6) of *Sapotaceae* in these phylogenies were found endemic or native to the Western Ghats. Clade I comprised of the taxa *Sideroxymon inerme*. The clade had a minimum node age of 16.97 myr and the DEC+J analysis (Figure 3.29) showed African origin. Clade II had the Western Ghats and Sri Lankan native *Mimusops elengi* (PP 100/53). This clade was amongst taxa from Africa, it had a minimum node age of 9.96 myr and also showed an African origin. Clade III included the taxa *Isonandra lanceolata2* (PP 84), it was amongst samples from the Sunda Shelf. The clade had a minimum node age of 26.8 myr and showed a Sunda Shelf signal.

Clade IV had the taxa – *Isonandra villosa*, *Isonandra perottetiana*, *Isonandra lanceolata_MSap04* and *Isonandra lanceolata_SL* (PP 100/54). The clade was surrounded by taxa from Sri Lanka and the Sunda Shelf. It had a minimum node age of 22.02 myr and showed a Sunda Shelf signal of geographic origin. Clade V included *Madhuca sp_MSf45*, a field collected sample endemic to the Western Ghats. The sample has potential to be either *Madhuca insignis* or *Madhuca nerifolia*, (PP 99/81). The clade was amongst samples from Sri Lanka and the Sunda Shelf, it had a minimum node age of 14.58 myr and showed a Sunda Shelf origin. The analyses suggest that the family *Sapotaceae* arrived to the Ghats between c.9 and 22 million years ago. The geographic signals indicate that the family came to the Ghats from either the Sunda Shelf or Africa (Figure).



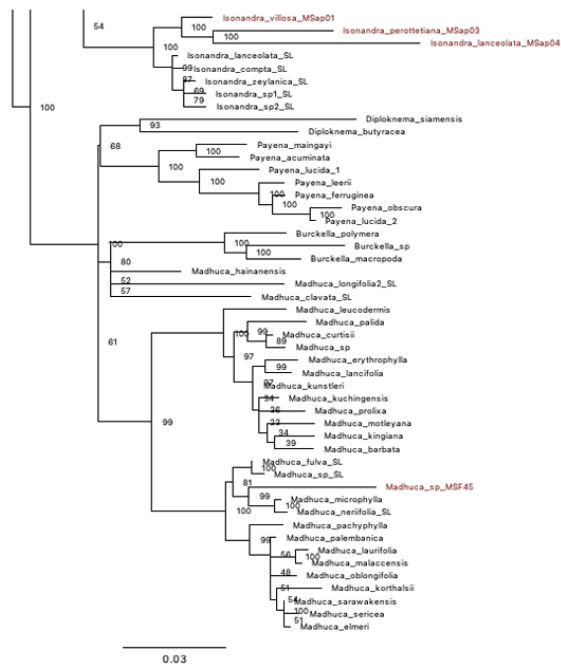
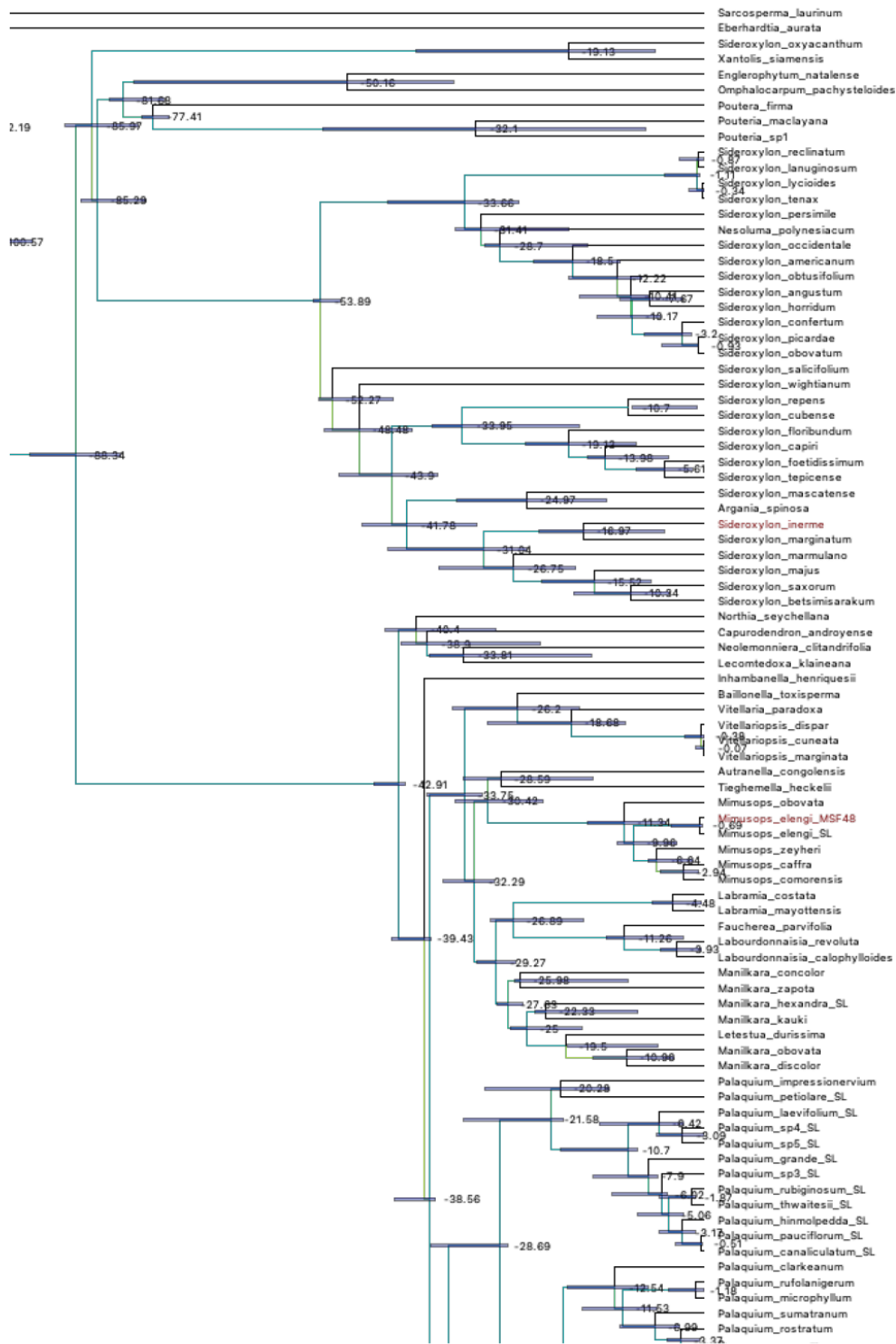


Figure 3.27: Maximum Likelihood phylogeny of the family *Sapotaceae*.

The maximum likelihood phylogeny was generated for 168 taxa using IQTREE for ITS sequences. Samples in red indicate taxa found in the Western Ghats. Numbers on the nodes depict posterior probability values for the clades.



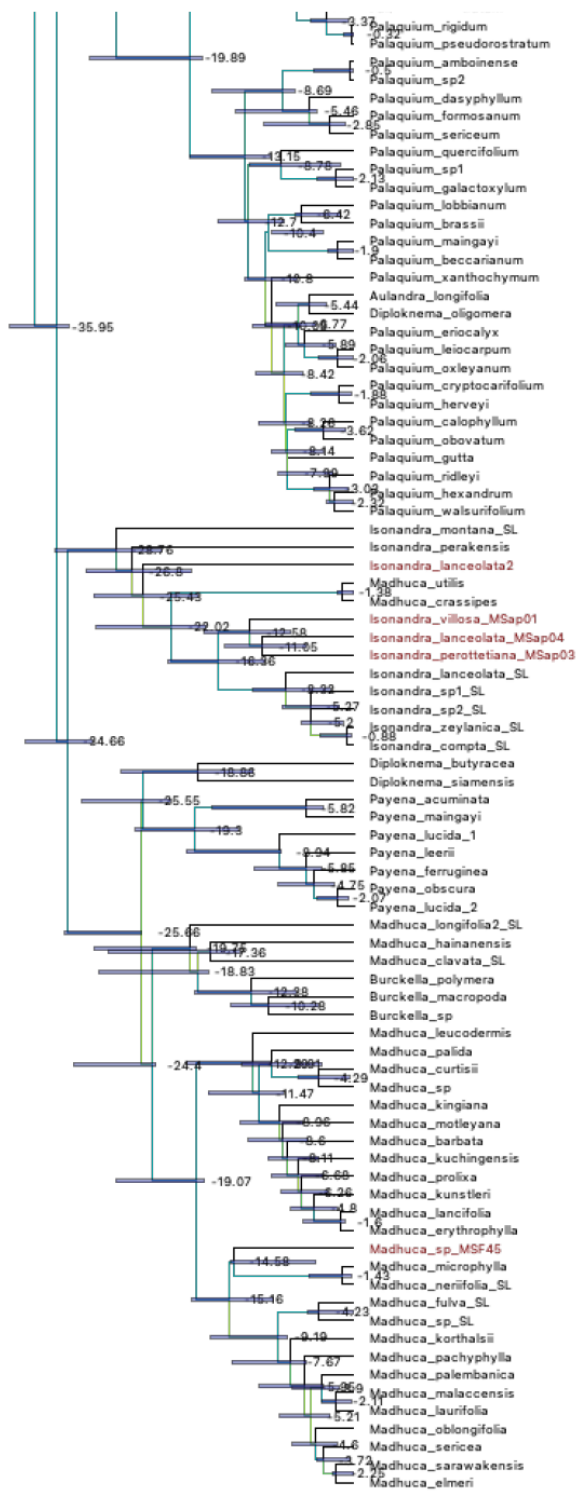


Figure 3.28: Time calibrated phylogeny of the family *Sapotaceae* for 167 taxa.

Samples in red depict taxa endemic or native to the Western Ghats. The numbers on the nodes indicate mean ages with the node bars depicting 95% height HPD. Branch colours depict posterior probability of the clades with green being the lowest value and blue the highest.



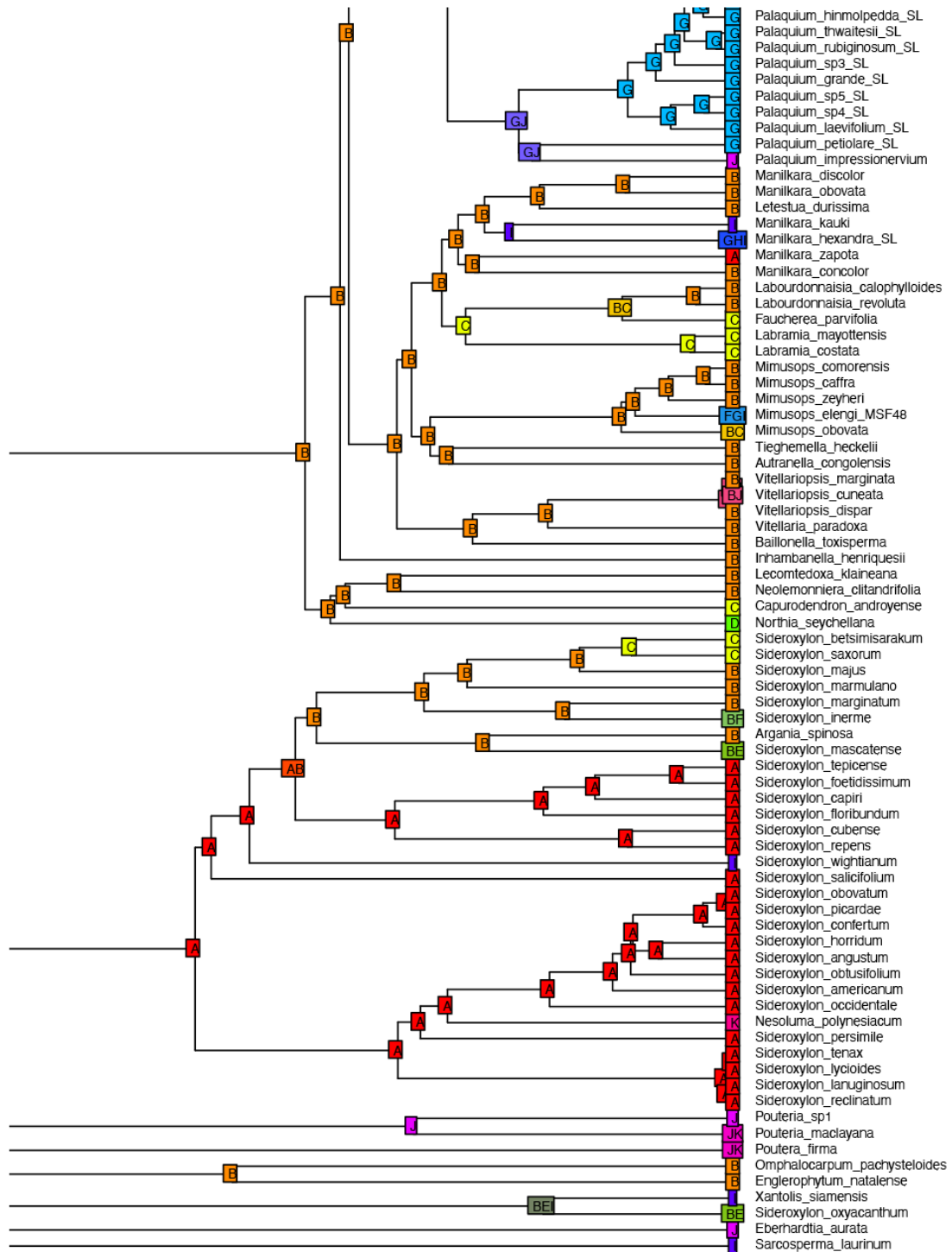


Figure 3.29: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Sapotaceae*.

Geographic areas are coded as follows - A=America (Red), B=Africa (Orange), C=Madagascar (Yellow), D=Seychelles (Light green), E=Middle East (Green), F=Western Ghats (Neon green), G=Sri Lanka (Light blue), H=Himalayas (Royal blue), I=Continental Asia (Purple), J=Sunda Shelf (Magenta), K=Sahul Shelf (Pink). LnL value of -294.19. Clades listed in Table 3.6.

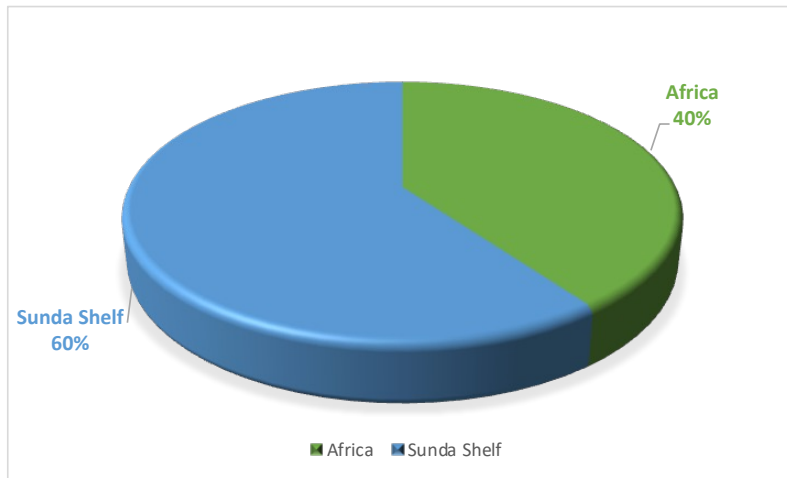


Figure 3.30: Pie chart depicting the geographic areas of origins for the Western Ghats clades of *Sapotaceae*.

Clade	Taxa in clade	Minimum age (mya)	Area code
<i>Sapotaceae</i> I	<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i>	16.97	B
<i>Sapotaceae</i> II	<i>Mimusops elengi</i> MSF48	9.96	B
<i>Sapotaceae</i> III	<i>Isonandra lanceolata</i> 2	26.8	J
<i>Sapotaceae</i> IV	<i>Isonandra villosa</i> MSap01, <i>Isonandra perottetiana</i> MSap03, <i>Isonandra lanceolata</i> MSap04, <i>Isonandra lanceolata</i> SL	22.02	J
<i>Sapotaceae</i> V	<i>Madhuca</i> sp MSF45	14.58	J

Table 3.6: *Sapotaceae* table showing clade number, taxa found in each clade, their minimum age, and geographic origin.

3.3.8 Zingiberaceae

Maximum likelihood (Figure 3.31) and time calibrated (Figure 3.32) phylogenies were generated for 238 taxa of *Zingiberaceae* using the loci matK (Kumarage, 2016). 16 clades (Table 3.7) were found with taxa native or endemic to the Western Ghats. Most of these clades were well supported in the phylogenies unless otherwise specified. Clade I hosted the Western Ghats and Continental Asian native *Globba sessiliflora*. The clade was well supported and amongst taxa from Continental Asia and Sri Lanka. It had a minimum node age of 4.11 myr, DEC+J analysis (Figure 3.33) showed a Continental Asian origin. Clade II had the taxa *Globba bulbifera* MSF40, a field collected sample from the Western Ghats, found amongst taxa from China and Continental Asia. The clade had a minimum node age of 4.04 myr and indicated Continental Asian origin.

Clade III hosted the widespread taxa *Globba marantina* MGob08, it sat amongst taxa from Continental Asia. It had a minimum node age of 4.27 myr and indicated Continental Asian arrival. Clade IV hosted the widespread taxa *Hedychium flavescens*, *Hedychium villosum*, and *Globba* sp MF786855, this was not a well supported clade (PP 58). It had a minimum node age of 18.07 myr and indicated Continental Asian origin. Clade V included the field collected taxa *Curcuma* sp MSF7, *Curcuma* sp MSF36, and *Curcuma* sp MSF44. These taxa were well supported but require species level determination. They were placed amongst taxa from the Western Ghats, Sri Lanka, and Continental Asia. The clade had a minimum node age of 14.74 myr and indicated Continental Asian origin. Clade VI included the Western Ghats and Sri Lankan endemics *Zingiber* sp MSF42 and *Zingiber wightianum*. The clade was not well supported and was placed amongst taxa from China and the Sunda Shelf. It had a minimum node age of 2.59 million years and arrived to the Ghats from China.

Clade VII included the taxa *Zingiber nimmonii* (PP 78), its placed amongst taxa from the Himalayas and Continental Asia. It had a minimum node age of 0.82 myr and showed Continental Asian origin. Clade VIII had the widespread species *Zingiber officinale*, the clade was well supported and placed amongst samples from China and Continental Asia. It had a minimum node age of 12.16 myr and appears to have arrived from China. Clade IX had the widespread taxa *Zingiber zerumbet*, it was placed amongst taxa from China, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf. A taxonomically identical sample exists elsewhere in the tree, name clarification is necessary. The clade had a minimum node age of 5.12 myr and potentially originated from China, Continental Asia, or the Sunda Shelf. Clade X had the taxa *Zingiber nees anum* (PP 6), this was not a resolved clade. The clade placed amongst taxa from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. It had a minimum node age of 5.31 myr and showed Sunda Shelf origin.

Clade XI had the taxa *Zingiber cylindricum* MZin05 and *Zingiber sp* MSF38, this was an unresolved clade that sat amongst taxa from China, the Himalayas, and Continental Asia. It had a minimum node age of 5.31 myr and indicated Sunda Shelf origin. Clade XII was well resolved had the taxa *Alpinia abundiflora*1, *Elettaria sp*, and *Elettaria cardamomum* MSF29, it sat amongst taxa from Sri Lanka, China, and Continental Asia. The clade had a minimum node age of 16.8 myr and had a geographic signal from Sri Lanka. Clade XIII had the Western Ghats and Sri Lankan taxa *Amomum pterocarpum* (PP 57), the clade was poorly supported and placed amongst taxa from China and the Sunda Shelf. It had a minimum node age of 5.6 myr and appears to have originated from Sri Lanka. Clade XIV was well supported and had two field collected samples *Alpinia sp* MSF43 and *Alpinia sp* MSF25, that sat amongst taxa from China. It had a minimum node age of 3.62 my and originated from China.

Clade XV had the taxa *Amomum sp* MSF23 (PP 100) it placed amongst taxa from Sri Lanka and the Sunda Shelf. It had a minimum node age of 4.24 myr and showed Sri Lankan origin. Clade XVI had the well supported taxa *Amomum fulviceps* a Western Ghats and Sri Lankan taxa. It had a minimum node age of 0.47 myr and showed Sri Lankan origin. The analyses indicate that the family *Zingiberaceae* dispersed to the Ghats several times between c.0.4 and 19 million years ago. Taxa of *Zingiberaceae* have been dispersing to the Ghats until quite recently predominantly from the regions of Continental Asia, Sri Lanka, and China.

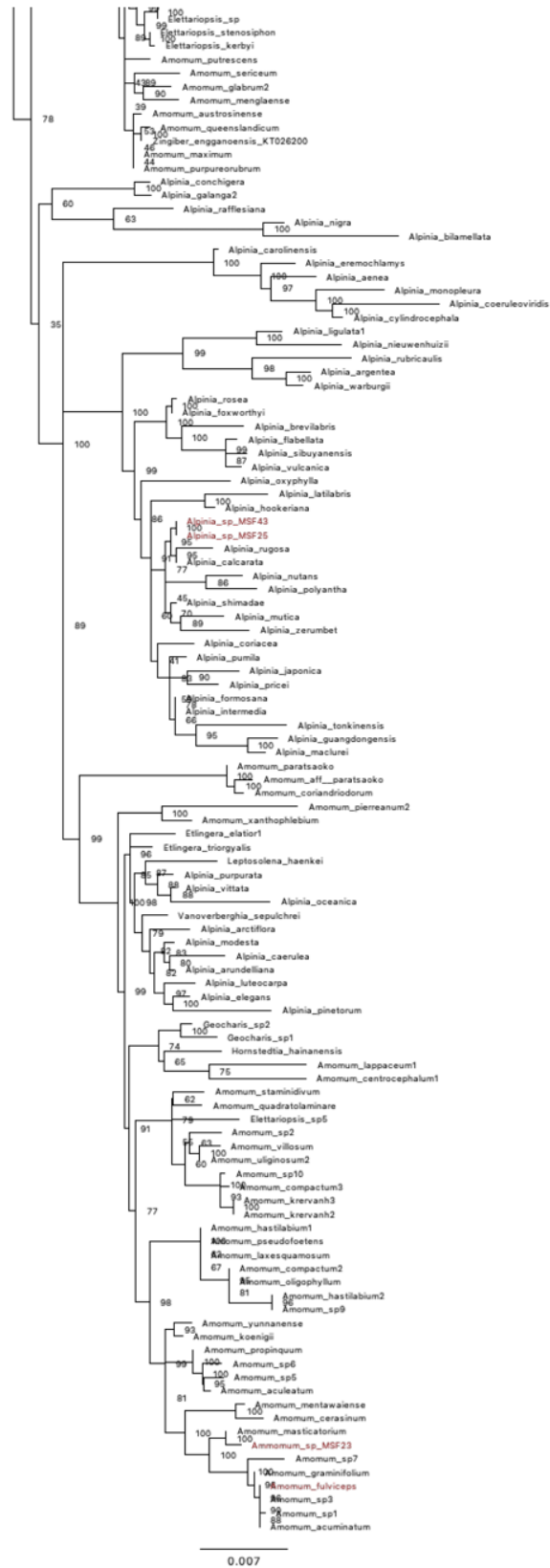
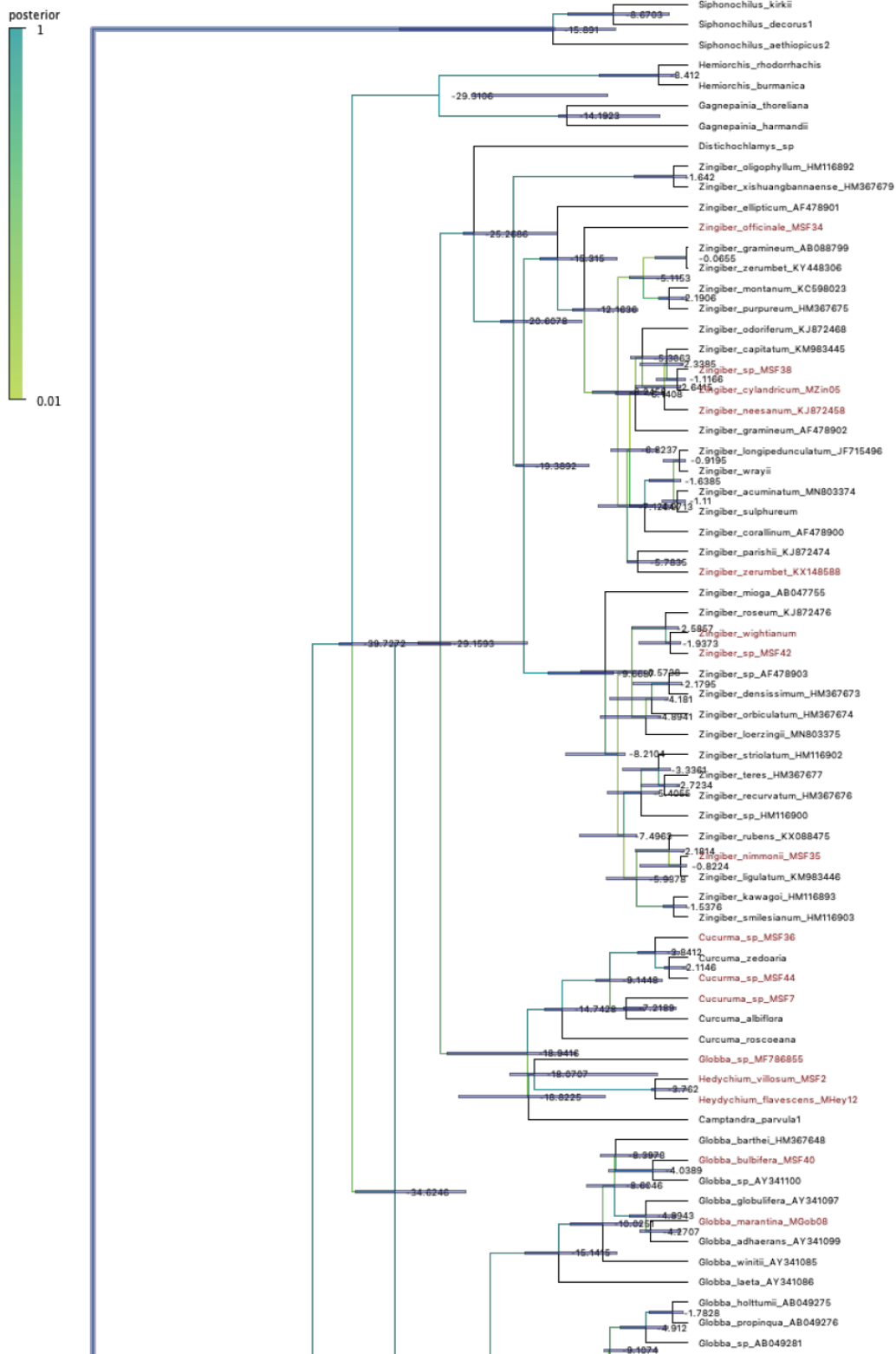
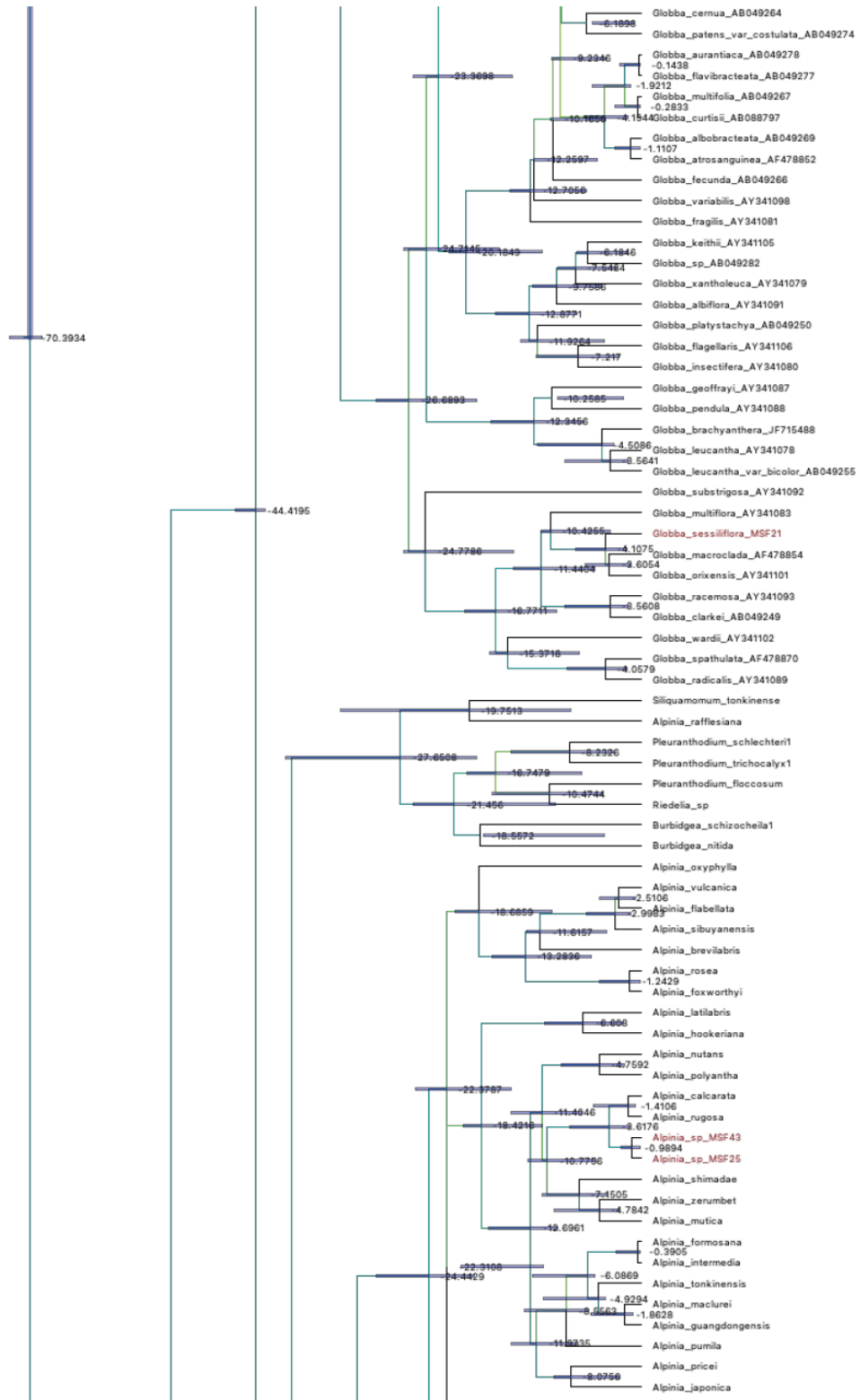
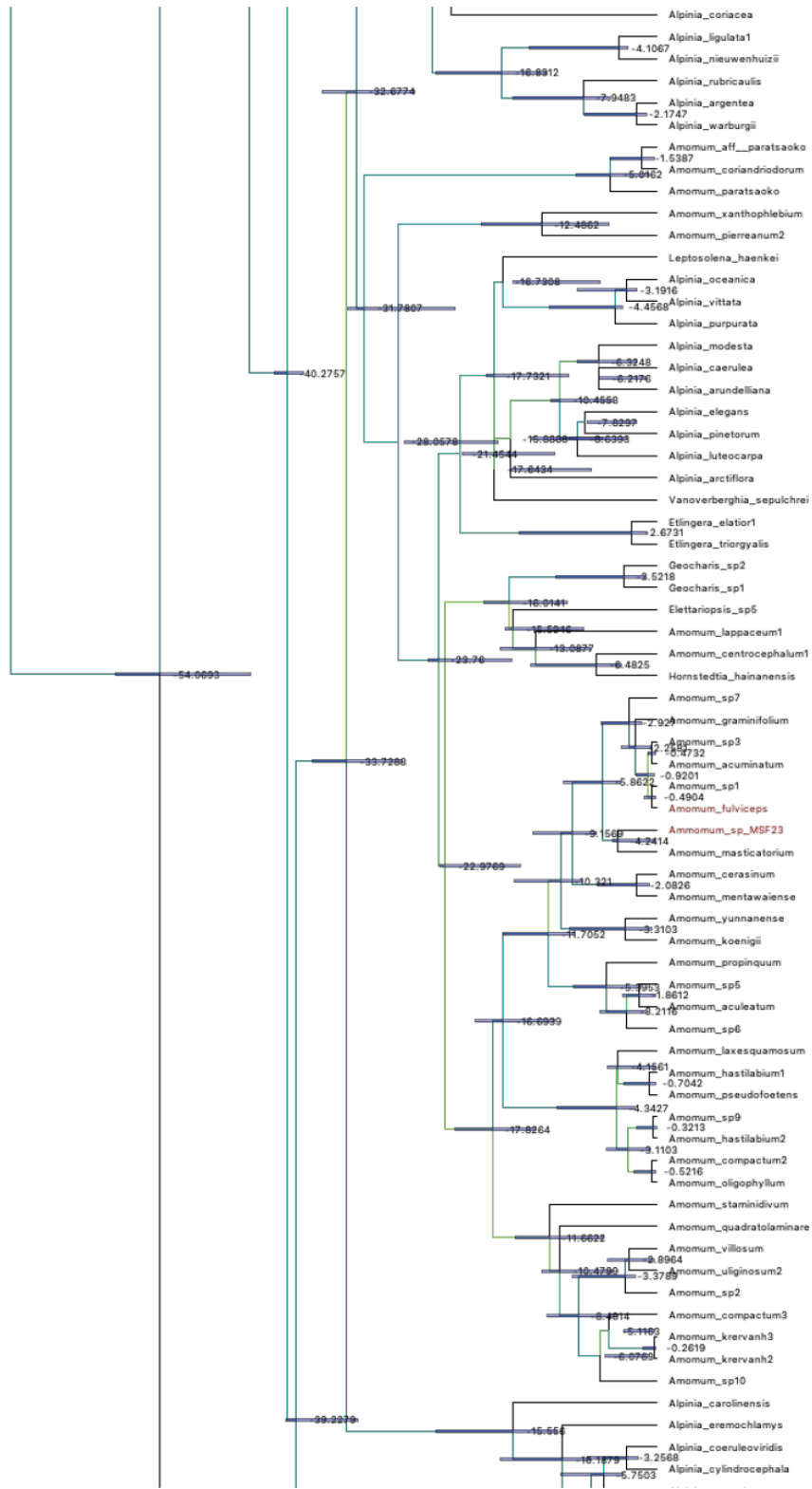


Figure 3.31: Maximum Likelihood phylogeny for the family *Zingiberaceae*.

The maximum likelihood phylogeny was generated for 239 taxa using IQTREE for matK sequences. Samples in red indicate taxa found in the Western Ghats. Numbers on the nodes depict posterior probability values for the clades.







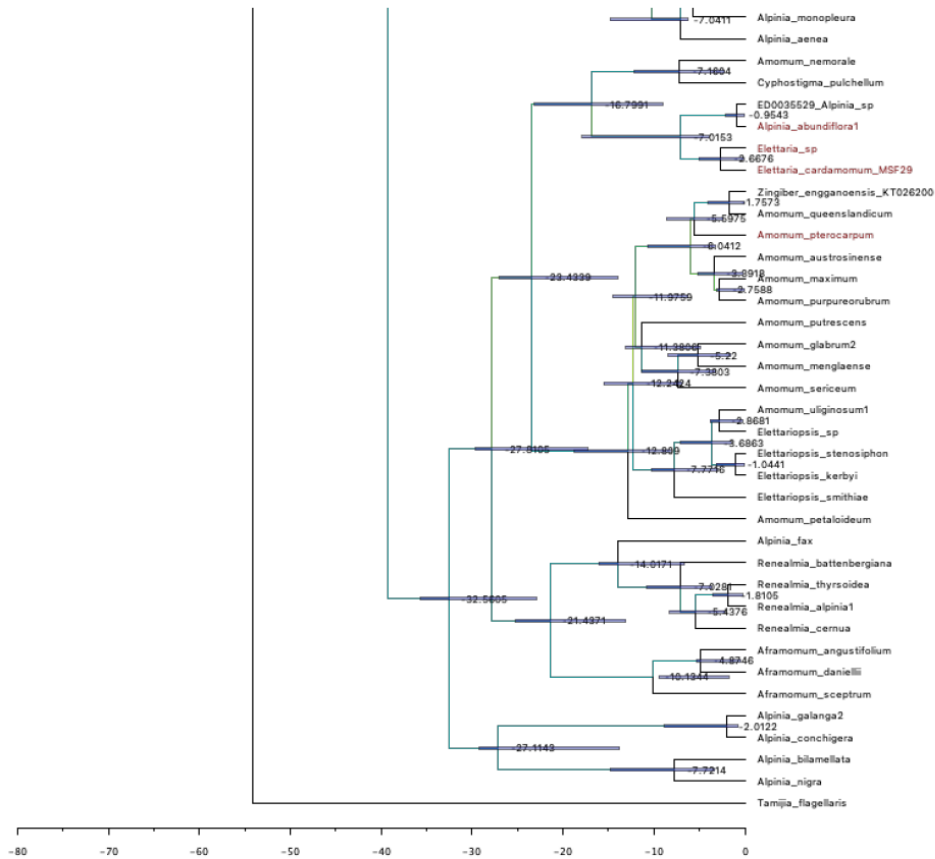
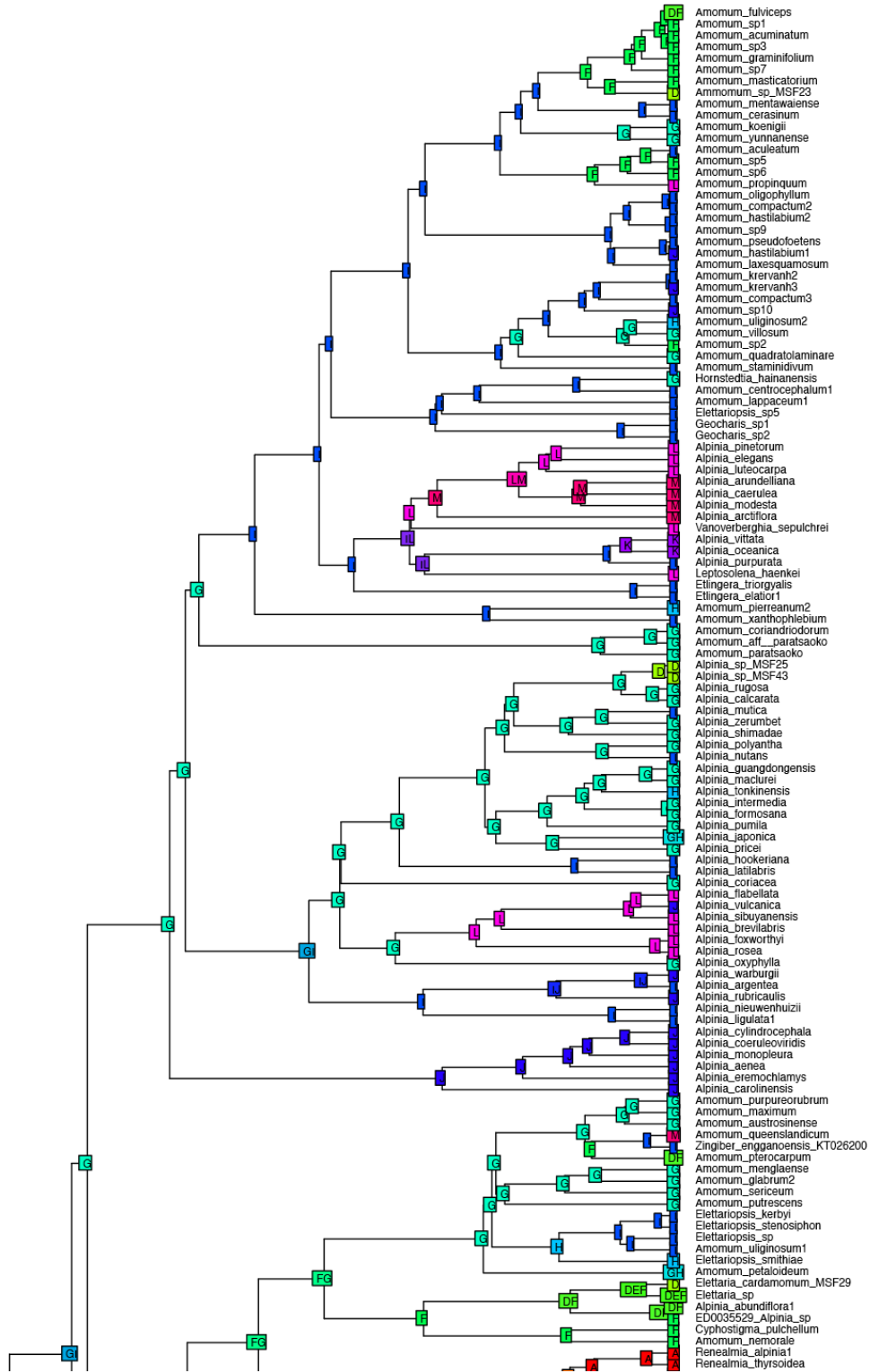


Figure 3.32: Time calibrated phylogeny of the family *Zingiberaceae* for 238 taxa.

Samples in red depict taxa endemic or native to the Western Ghats. The numbers on the nodes indicate mean ages with the node bars depicting 95% height HPD. Branch colours depict posterior probability of the clades with green being the lowest value and blue the highest.



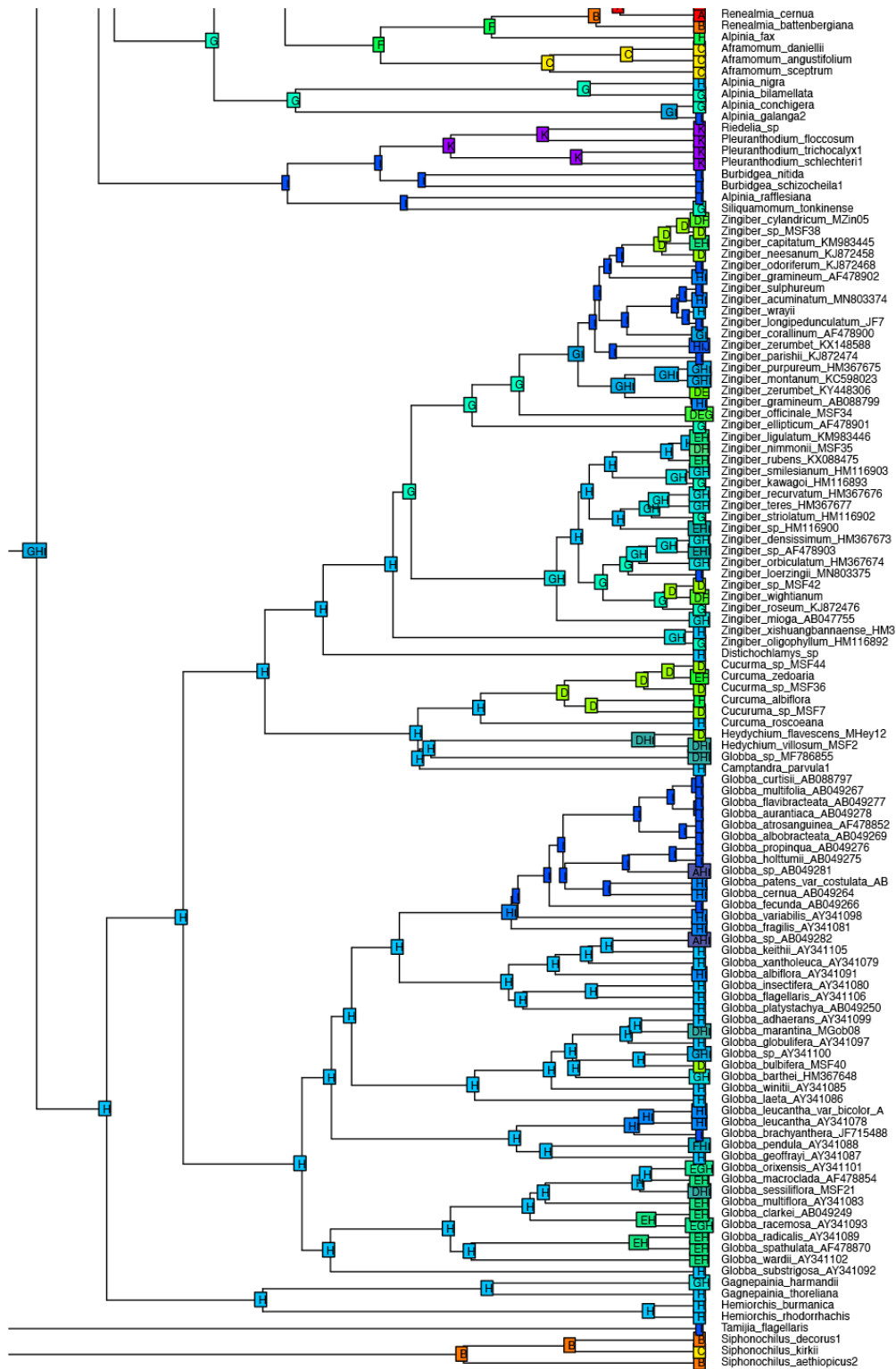


Figure 3.33: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Zingiberaceae*.

Geographic areas are coded as follows - A=America (Red), B=Africa (Orange), C=Madagascar (Yellow), D=Western Ghats (Light green), E=Himalayas (Green), F=Sri Lanka (Neon green), G=China (Turquoise), H=Continental Asia (Light blue), I=Sunda Shelf (Indigo). LnL value of -688.74. Clades listed in Table 3.7.

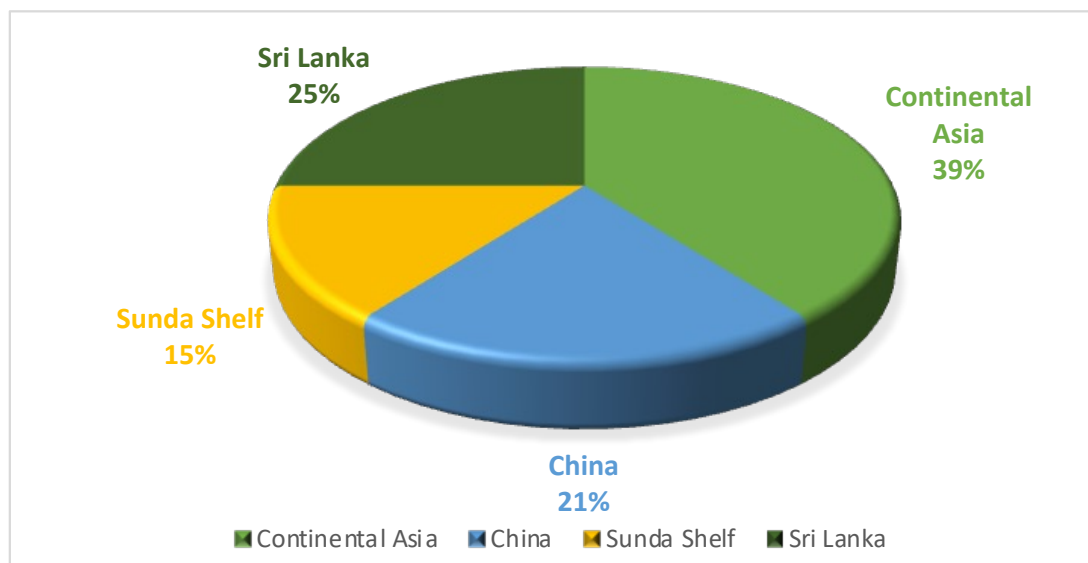


Figure 3.34: Pie chart depicting the geographic areas of origins for the Western Ghats clades of *Zingiberaceae*

Clade	Taxa in clade	Minimum age (mya)	Area code
Zingiberaceae I	<i>Globba sessiliflora</i> MSF21	4.11	H
Zingiberaceae II	<i>Globba bulbifera</i>	4.04	H
Zingiberaceae III	<i>Globba marantina</i> MGob08	4.27	H
Zingiberaceae IV	<i>Hedychium flavescens</i> MHey12, <i>Hedychium villosum</i> MSF2, <i>Globba</i> sp MF786855	18.07	H
Zingiberaceae V	<i>Curcuma</i> sp MSF7, <i>Curcuma</i> sp MSF36, <i>Curcuma</i> sp MSF44	14.74	H
Zingiberaceae VI	<i>Zingiber</i> sp MSF42, <i>Zingiber wightianum</i>	2.59	G
Zingiberaceae VII	<i>Zingiber nimmonii</i>	0.82	H
Zingiberaceae VIII	<i>Zingiber officinale</i> MSF34	12.16	G
Zingiberaceae IX	<i>Zingiber zerumbet</i>	5.12	GHI
Zingiberaceae X	<i>Zingiber neesatum</i> ,	5.31	I
Zingiberaceae XI	<i>Zingiber cylindricum</i> MZin05, <i>Zingiber</i> sp MSF38	5.31	I
Zingiberaceae XII	<i>Alpinia abundiflora</i> 1, <i>Elettaria</i> sp, <i>Elettaria cardamomum</i> MS29	16.8	F
Zingiberaceae XIII	<i>Amomum pterocarpum</i>	5.6	F
Zingiberaceae XIV	<i>Alpinia</i> sp MSF43, <i>Alpinia</i> sp MSF25	3.62	G
Zingiberaceae XV	<i>Amomum</i> sp MSF23	4.24	F
Zingiberaceae XVI	<i>Amomum fulviceps</i>	0.47	F

Table 3.7: Zingiberaceae table showing clade number, taxa found in each clade, their minimum age, and geographic origin.

3.4 Data Synthesis

3.4.1 Age of arrival

The flora of the Western Ghats as depicted by the Age of Disjunction graph (Figure 3.35) appears to be geologically young, with the vast majority of the clades and species in this study having arrived between the Oligocene and the Pliocene. This scatter plot represents dispersal events for thirteen angiosperm families, with 66 clades from this study and 9 clades from other published studies of angiosperms in the region (Bajpe et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2018; Neupane et al., 2017; Puri et al., 2016; Sen et al., 2019; Tsai et al., 2020; Yuan et al., 2005). Movement to the Western Ghats appears to have been from several geographic regions (Figure 3.36). Large parts of the flora have arrived to the Ghats from the regions of Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf, with some from Sri Lanka and China. The flora also has dispersals from Africa and Madagascar, with minor dispersal from Australia, the Himalayas and America. The geographic origins are not constant amongst the families, each family arrived to the Ghats from different areas.

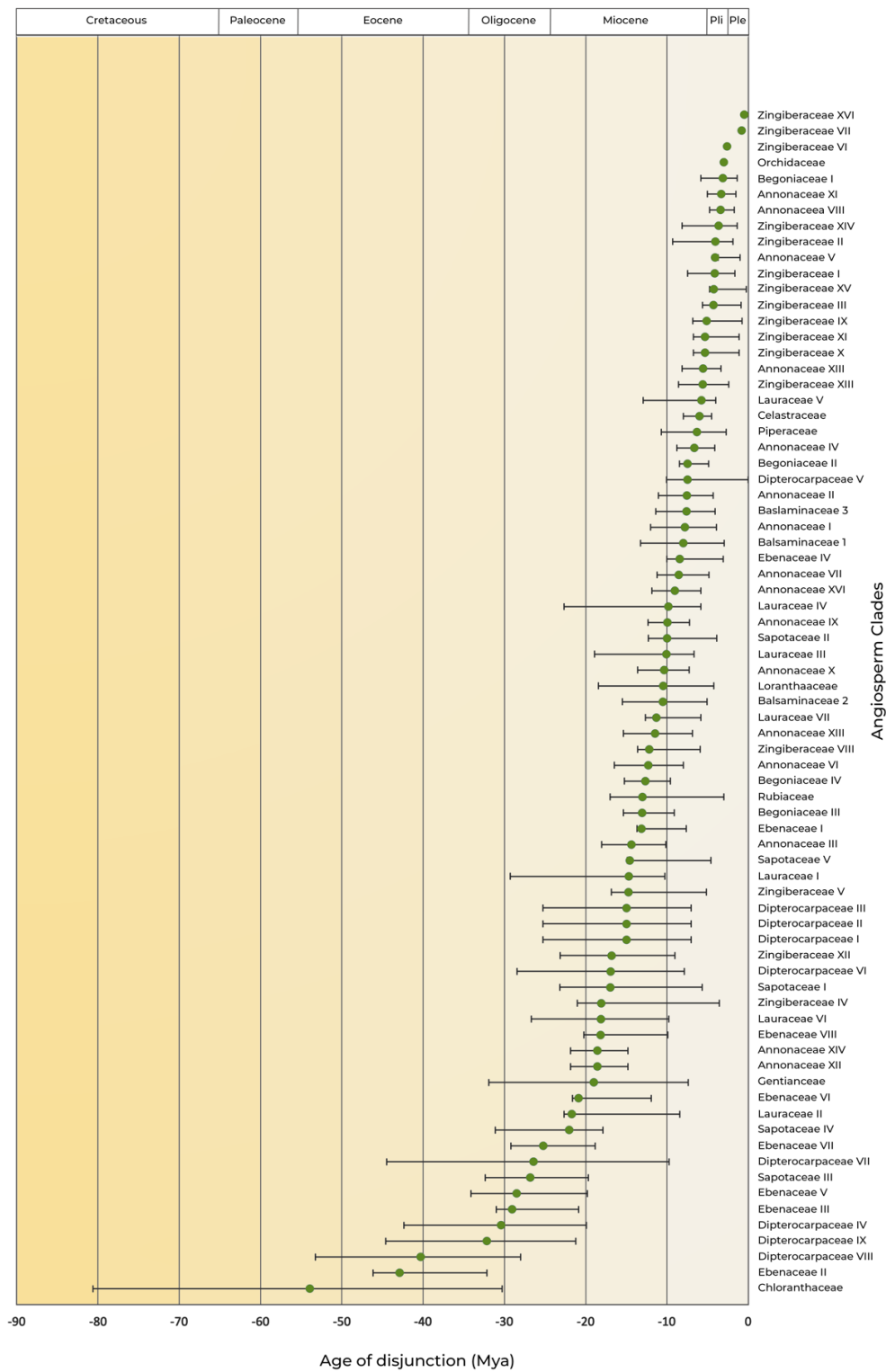


Figure 3.35: Scatter plot depicting the minimum ages of 75 Western Ghats clades.

The clades are ordered youngest to oldest going down the y-axis. The error bars depict the 95% HPD ages of the clades. 66 clades were added from this study and the remaining 9 are from other published studies within the region.

3.4.2 Geographic origin of clades

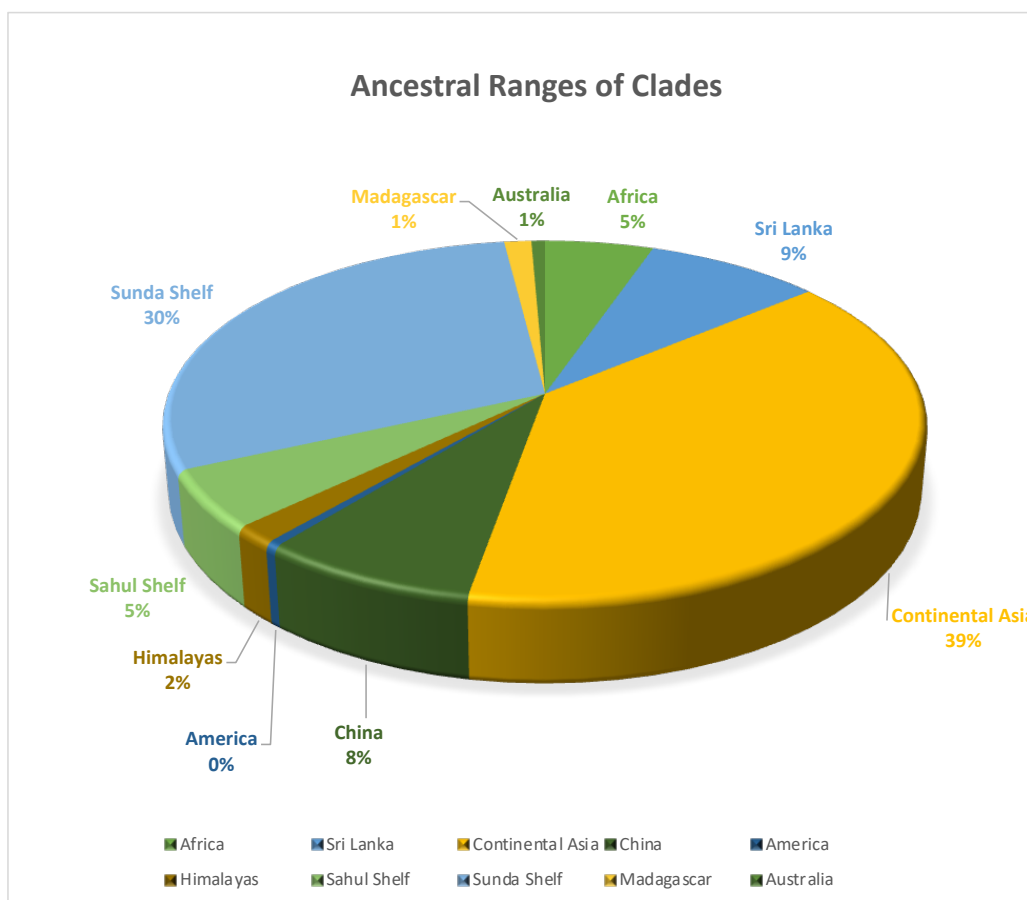


Figure 3.36: Pie graph depicting the ancestral ranges of 15 angiosperm families into the Western Ghats.

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Chapter 4

Discussion

Exploring the floristic history of the Western Ghats



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There is an unequal distribution of plant biodiversity in the world. This diversity is largely associated with latitude, found to be highest along the equator, and also associated with mountainous regions (Gaston and Blackburn, 1996). The geological ages and geographic origins of species found within these hotspots are vital to our understanding of this variation. To date most studies have focused on geologically younger mountain systems, hence, to address this bias this study focuses on a much older range – the Western Ghats. This fragmented yet magnificent range was formed when India separated from Gondwana c.150 million years ago (Briggs, 2003). The Ghats currently lie entirely within the tropical belt and are extremely rich in plant diversity, making them an excellent study area for the presence of Gondwanan relics as well as recently accumulated species. The combination of climate epochs, latitudinal gradients, and other geological events traversed by the Indian subcontinent over c.100 million years makes for a remarkable story. One that is addressed in this study from the perspective of flowering plants.

This study analysed the age and geographic origin of 75 arrivals of flowering plants native or endemic to the Western Ghats. These arrivals are comprised of newly gathered data for 66 clades belonging to the angiosperm families *Annonaceae*, *Begoniaceae*, *Chloranthaceae*, *Dipterocarpaceae*, *Ebenaceae*, *Lauraceae*, *Sapotaceae*, and *Zingiberaceae*, and nine additional clades in the families *Balsaminaceae*, *Celastraceae*, *Gentianaceae*, *Loranthaceae*, *Orchidaceae*, *Rubiaceae*, and *Piperaceae* from other published studies within the region (Bajpe et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2018; Neupane et al., 2017; Puri et al., 2016; Sen et al., 2019; Tsai et al., 2020; Yuan et al., 2005). Of the 75 clades addressed in this study, most arrivals were seen in the Miocene (49 clades) and the Pliocene (15 clades). The geographic origins of these clades largely favour the areas of Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf, with other regions such as Africa and Madagascar playing a smaller role. There are two theories with respect to how these clades may have arrived to the Western Ghats – (1) Vicariance – The subcontinent of India as it journeyed towards the Eurasian plate became a raft for Gondwanan species, both flora and fauna (2) Dispersal/Migration, which can be divided into two scenarios – (i) Contact with the Sunda Shelf and Myanmar prior to collision, (ii) Post collision. These two major theories are addressed by following the Indian subcontinent's voyage through the geological ages.

4.1 Vicariance

4.1.1 The Indian Subcontinent as a raft

Late Jurassic – Paleocene (155 – 56 million years ago)

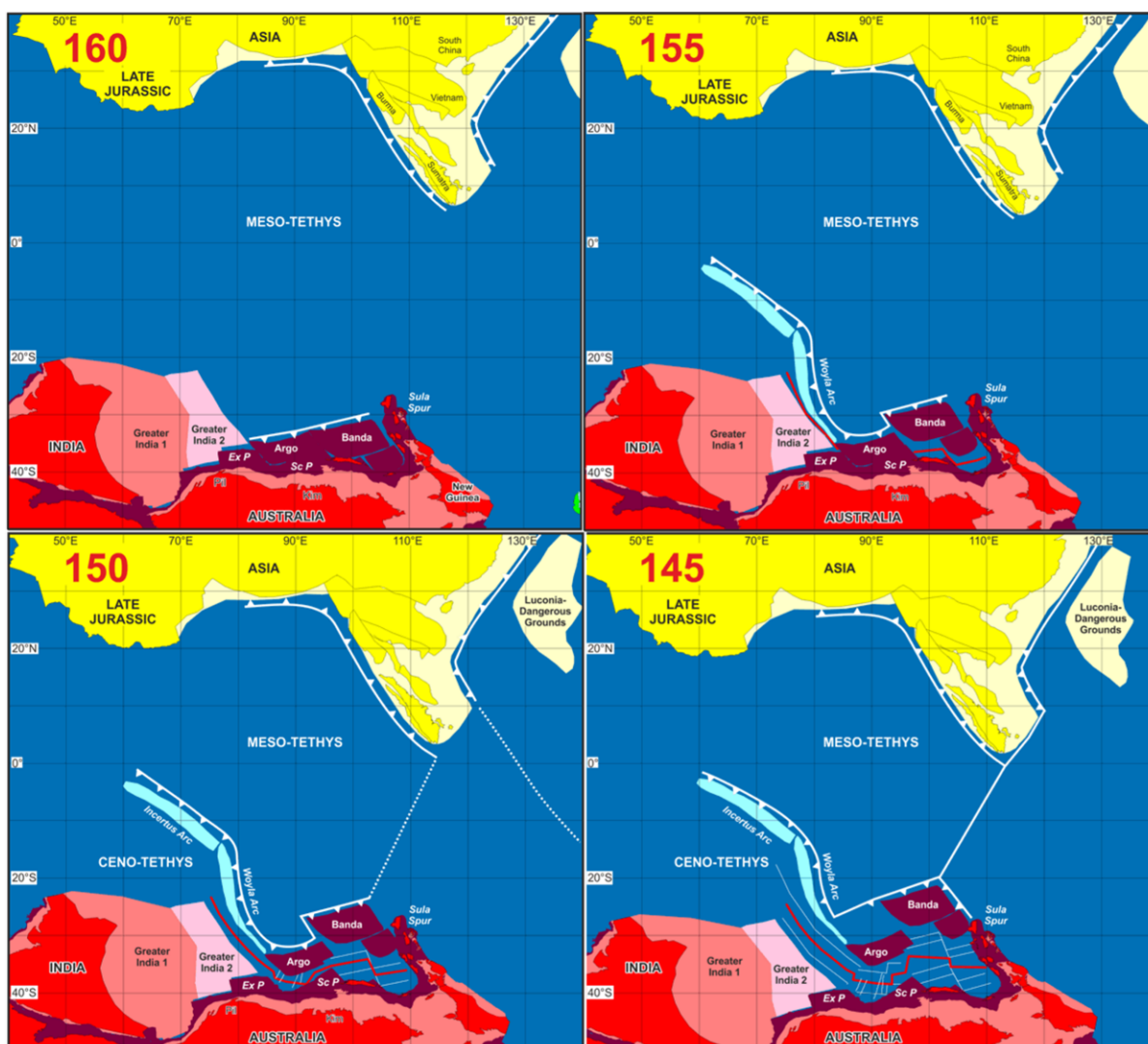


Figure 4.1: Plate tectonics in the Late Jurassic period (Hall, 2012).

During the existence of Gondwana (Late Jurassic), the region which was to form the Indian subcontinent was placed with Africa and Madagascar in the West, Sri Lanka in the Southeast, and Antarctica and Australia in the East (Figure 4.1). The subcontinent sat in the Southern Hemisphere at a latitude of 30° S (Ghosh et al., 2018; Hall, 2012), almost perpendicular to its current position. In terms of the world today, the Northern states of the Western Ghats – Gujarat and Maharashtra were adjacent to Somalia whilst the Central and Southern states of the Ghats – Goa, Karnataka, and Kerala were adjacent to Madagascar. In the Late Jurassic period India, Madagascar and the Seychelles separated from the African landmass (Bossuyt, 2004; Briggs, 2003). By the Early Cretaceous the Indian plate had separated from Antarctica and Australia (Chatterjee et al., 2013) and had begun its upwards journey towards the Eurasian plate.

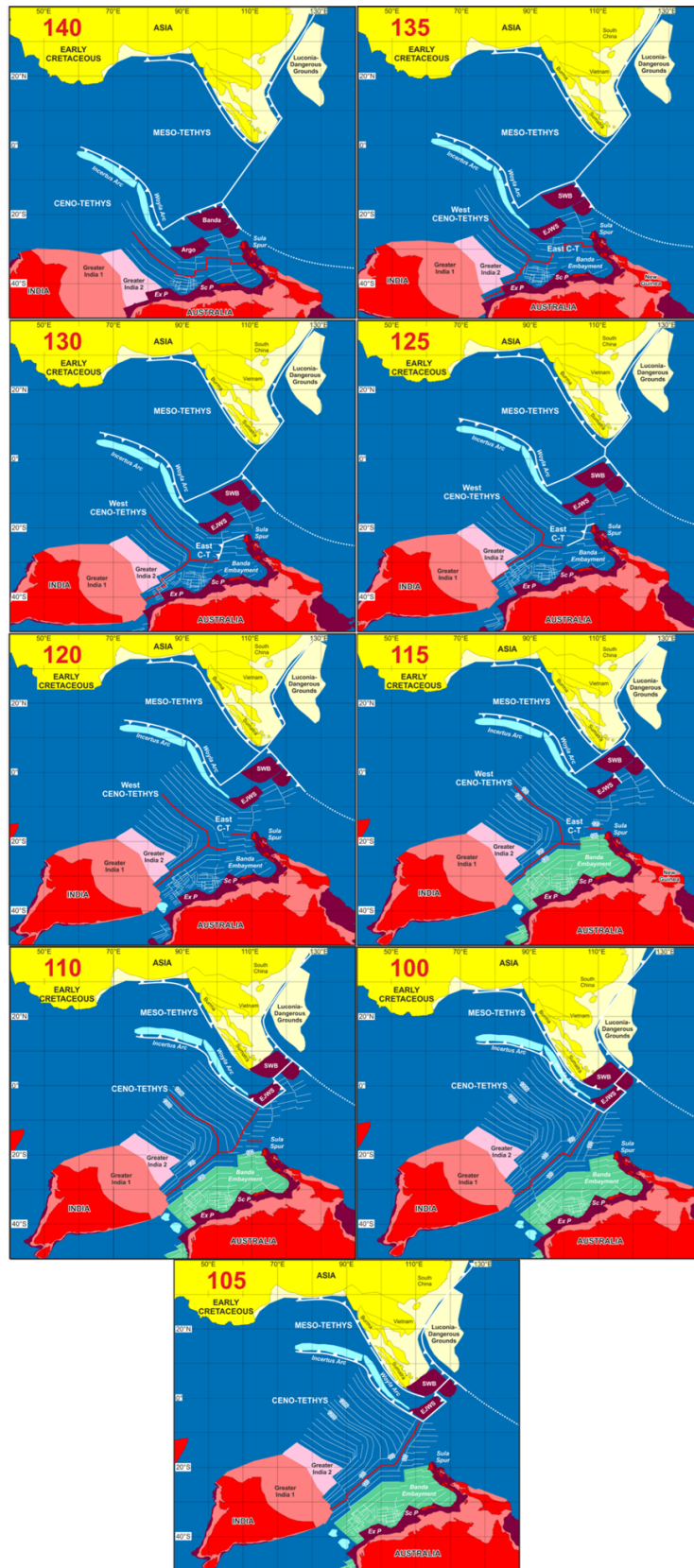


Figure 4.2: The Indian plate in the Early Cretaceous period (Hall, 2012)

In the Early Cretaceous both sea surface temperatures and levels were high (Anderson et al., 1999; Littler et al., 2011). This changed in the mid Cretaceous where the temperatures became warm and tropical, perfect for the rise of flowering plants (Anderson et al., 1999; Pearson. et al., 2001; Zhao et al., 2022). Fossils of angiosperms belonging to the orders Sapindales and Malvales have been found in the Deccan Traps dating back to the Cretaceous period (Bhatia et al., 2021; Morley, 2018). At this time the subcontinent of India was still attached to the landmasses of Madagascar and the Seychelles (Figure 4.2). Separation from the island of Madagascar occurred between 96-84 mya as a result of the Marion hotspot plume (Briggs, 2003). No clades have been found arriving to the Western Ghats from the Early Cretaceous in this study, yet the subcontinent must have had elements of a vicariant flora, as amber carrying angiosperms has been found in Myanmar dating back to the Early Cretaceous, indicating the possibility of vicariance having occurred on the West Burma Terrane (BT) (Huang et al., 2021; Poinar, 2019). The BT block, today a part of Myanmar, is a landmass that was once part of Northern Gondwana (Morley et al., 2021).

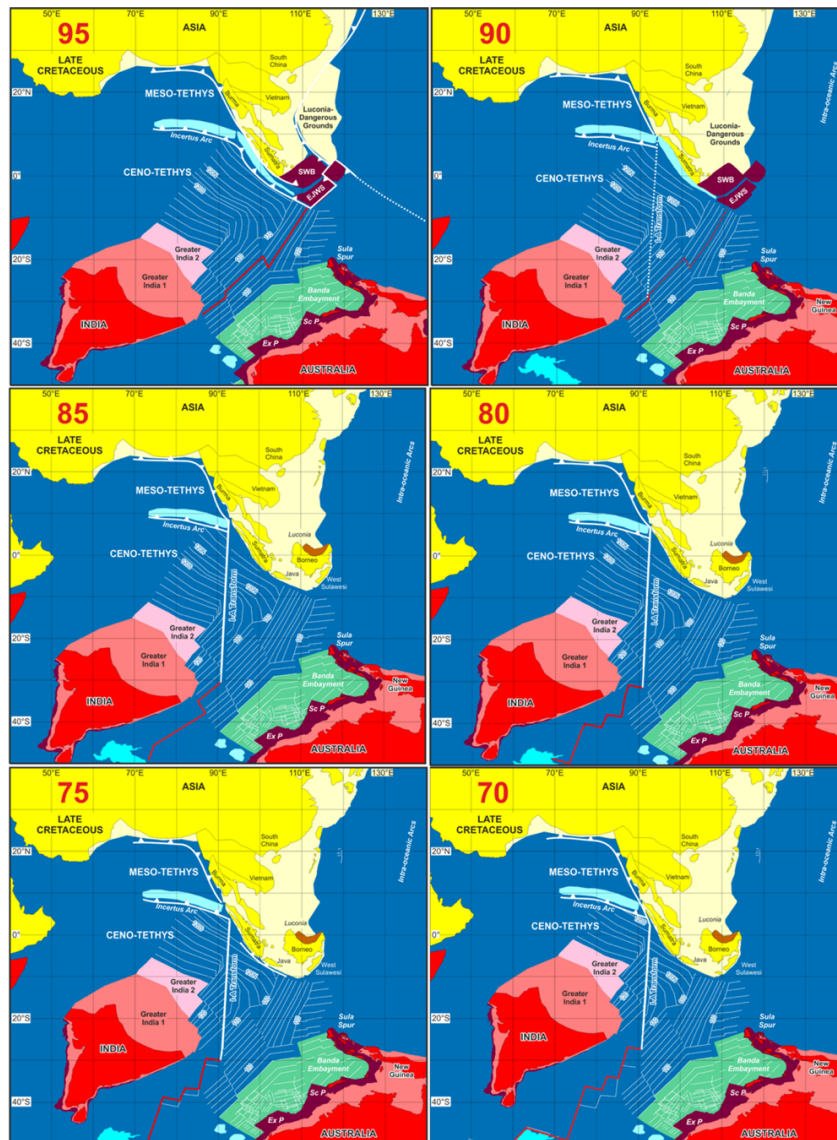


Figure 4.3: Movement of the Indian plate across the Tethys Sea in the Late Cretaceous period (Hall, 2012).

As India moved up through the latitudes it rotated anti-clockwise (Gnos *et al.*, 1997) (Figure 4.3). Separation from the Seychelles occurred before the Deccan volcanic event at the Cretaceous-Paleogene boundary (Chatterjee *et al.*, 2013). It has been conjectured that the rifting between India and the Seychelles aggravated the intensity of volcanic activity (Chatterjee *et al.*, 2013). The result of this volcanic activity is the widespread basalt flood plain – the Deccan Traps (Joshi and Karanth, 2013) spanning approximately 500,000 km² (Bhatia *et al.*, 2021). The Deccan traps cover most of northern peninsular India, and some parts of central and southern India extending out into the Arabian Sea (Bhatia *et al.*, 2021; Chatterjee and Rudra, 1996). There exists evidence that at the same time the Deccan volcanic event

occurred multiple asteroids collided with Earth (Burnham and Morley, 2000; Chatterjee and Rudra, 1996).

In roughly the last 10 million years of the Cretaceous period, global climate went through four extreme changes (Mateo et al., 2017), with tropical temperatures in the mid-Cretaceous (Pearson et al., 2001) followed by cycles of cooling and heating, with the final heating event of that epoch occurring at the cusp of the KT Boundary (Mateo et al., 2017). The end of the Cretaceous and the beginning of the Paleocene saw severe mass extinctions globally (Keller, 2008; Mateo et al., 2017) likely driven by the severe volcanism, meteor collisions, and rising sea surface temperatures of the time.

It has been found that during the early stages of separation from Gondwana, the flora of India resembled that of Australia (Burnham and Morley, 2000). This flora became more like that of Africa as it travelled up in the latitudes towards the equator (Burnham and Morley, 2000). In the Origin and Evolution of Tropical Rainforests, Morley states that “the Indian Plate bore a flora with three distinct components: an ancient autochthonous gondwanic component, carried from Gondwana, and consisting principally of gymnosperms and pteridophytes, possibly with a few angiosperms; an allochthonous component from Africa, consisting of megathermal angiosperm elements; and a diverse endemic component which evolved as India drifted across many climatic zones.”, indicating that the presence of wet forests on the Indian subcontinent in the mid Cretaceous was very likely (Burnham and Morley, 2000). The extant families of *Chloranthaceae* and *Winteraceae*, are said to have been important components of tropical flora at this time (Burnham and Morley, 2000).

The extended isolation period of the Indian landmass would imply that Gondwanan relics had time to evolve to become India’s own brand of floristic endemism (Burnham and Morley, 2000; Chatterjee et al., 2013). In fact, perfectly preserved fossils have been found in the Deccan Traps of various taxa including those of *Anacardiaceae*, *Myrtaceae*, and *Moraceae* (c.70 to 55 mya) (Bhatia et al., 2021; Rajasri et al., 2020; Wheeler et al., 2017), as well as the oldest known grape (*Vitaceae*, c.66 myr) fossil (Manchester et al., 2013). Although the lava from the Deccan volcanic event covered a large portion of northern peninsular India, the Southern Western Ghats were potentially a biological safe house for some Gondwanan relics, as demonstrated by the centipede genus *Digitipes* (Joshi and Karanth, 2013). If this were the case for plants, we should see far more clades with Africa or Madagascar as ancestral ranges. However, the mass extinctions and climatic events of Cretaceous-Paleocene boundary (Karanth, 2006) seem to have disproportionately affected the flora, which is why there are no Gondwanan relics amongst the fifteen angiosperm families studied here. This study finds no direct evidence for Gondwanan vicariance

as an explanation for the origin of the extant angiosperm diversity in the Western Ghats.

4.2 Dispersal

4.2.1 Possible contact with Sunda and Continental Asia

Paleocene (66 – 56 million years ago)

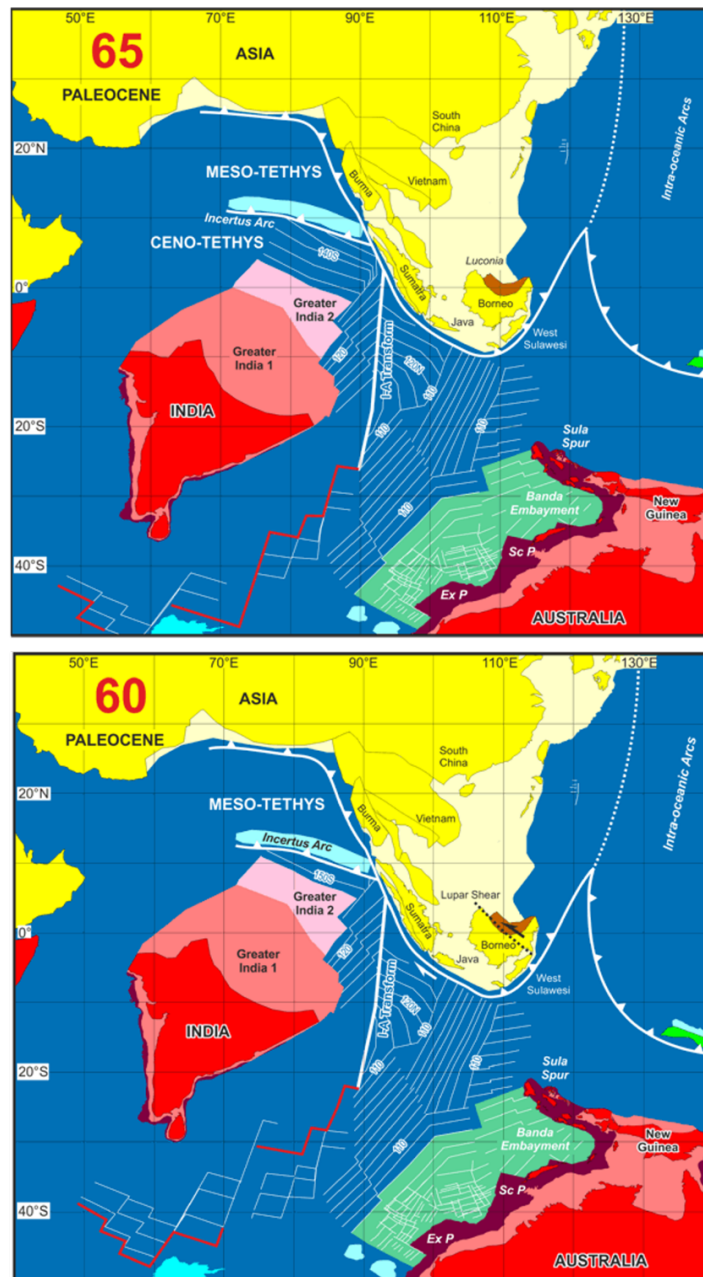


Figure 4.4: The movement of the Indian plate across the Tethys Sea during the Paleocene (Hall, 2012).

The Paleocene, witnessed high temperatures referred to as the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM) (Huang et al., 2016; McInerney and Wing, 2011). At this point in time most of the Indian subcontinent remained in the Southern Hemisphere, while Greater India had just crossed the equator (Hall, 2012) (Figure 4.4). Geologists have proposed that contact with Asia occurred much before the uplift of the Himalayas, possibly as early as the Late Paleocene via contact with Sumatra and then Myanmar by the far north of the plate as it rotated and slotted into track for its imminent collision with Tibet (Ali and Aitchison, 2008). Theoretically this would facilitate floristic exchange between India, Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf, however this study found no signal of this in the extant flora of the regions concerned. It is possible that climatic factors may have worked against floristic exchange at this time, or that the distances were greater than geological theories suggest. However, it is also possible that exchange did occur and no evidence exists of it in the extant flora as a consequence of it being over-written by further dispersal and extinction events.

4.2.2 Post Collision

Eocene (56 – 33.9 million years ago)

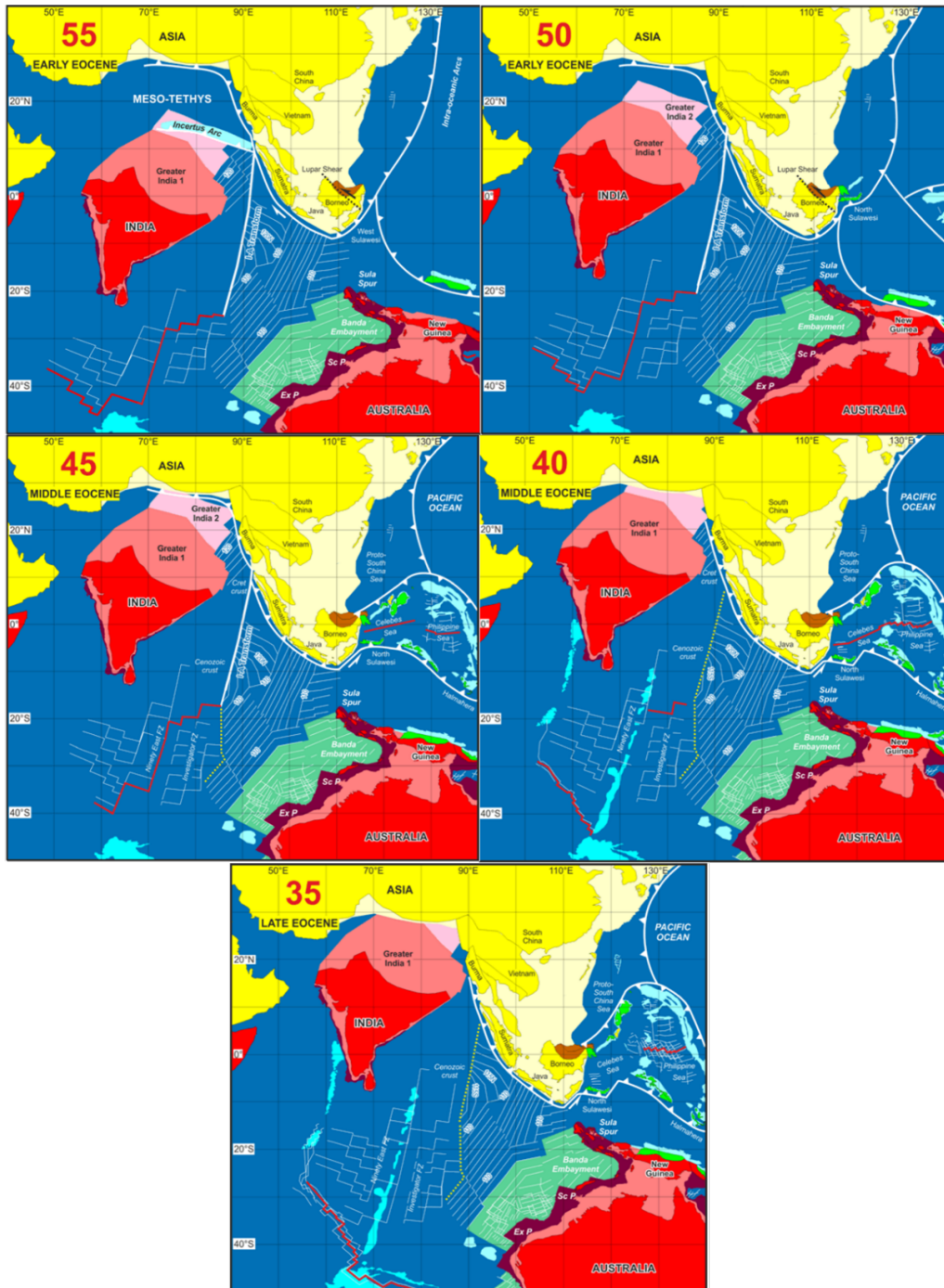


Figure 4.5: The movement and collision of the Indian plate with the Eurasian plate in the Eocene. Images taken from (Hall, 2012).

After the devastating mass extinctions and high sea surface temperatures witnessed in the Paleocene (Mateo et al., 2017), the Eocene saw the climate mellowing to warm and tropical temperatures (Pearson. et al., 2001; Pearson et al., 2007) perfect for a flourishing of the angiosperms. Fossil evidence has been found suggesting that the Western Ghats may have behaved as a refugia for wet tropical forests during the PETM (Prasad et al., 2009). The Indian subcontinent was now fully situated in the tropical/equatorial belt with Greater India in the Northern Hemisphere and peninsular India in the Southern Hemisphere (Burnham and Morley, 2000; Hall, 2012) (Figure 4.5). The plate subsequently collided with the Lhasa block near Tibet in the Eocene and thus began the uplift of the world's tallest mountain range – the Himalayas (Ali and Aitchison, 2008; Chatterjee et al., 2013), and because of it a land bridge between India and Continental Asia. Between c.54 mya and c.40 mya, the Ghats saw the arrival of three clades from three families – *Dipterocarpaceae*, *Ebenaceae* (*Diospyros*), and *Chloranthaceae*.

At c.54 myr the largely bird-dispersed tree family *Chloranthaceae* arrived to the Western Ghats during a single clade which showed a widespread geographic origin of China, Continental Asia, and the Sunda and Sahul Shelves. The arrival of the *Chloranthaceae* clade coincides with the time frame of collision of the Indian plate with Eurasia, giving potential for arrival of the family either via dispersal or migration. Previous work on this family showed a Cretaceous origin for *Chloranthaceae*, with a more recent origin for the crown group *Hedyosmum* in the Andes (Antonelli and Sanmartín, 2011). The study showed a family age that is congruent with the time frame of Gondwana, but as we see here in the molecular phylogenies, the age the extant flora is much younger.

A single clade of *Diospyros*, *Ebenaceae* (II) arrived to the Western Ghats c.43 mya from Continental Asia. One clade of the wind dispersed family *Dipterocarpaceae* (VIII) arrived c. 40 mya with a likely Sunda Shelf origin. There is fossil evidence of *Dipterocarpaceae* on the subcontinent from 52 mya, and a recent molecular study using DEC implemented in RASP showed evidence for a Gondwanan vicariant origin for the family (Sanil et al. 2002), with an area of origin comprising of India, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, and the Seychelles. Our study which was based on the same data with the addition of one sample from the Ghats, showed similar results with respect to an earlier role for diversification on the Sunda Shelf, but did not find a signal of deep vicariance. However, both studies show frequent interchange between India and Southeast Asia beginning ca. 30 mya. The difference in reconstruction at the base of the tree could be due to two factors– (i) a different method of distribution scoring – the dataset here considered the Western Ghats and Sri Lanka as unique floristic entities and (ii) a different biogeographic model – our study employed the DEC+J model. Both factors may work against detecting an already weak and overwritten signal of vicariance.

Dispersal in the Eocene was not one sided, with floral exchange likely occurring between India and Asia during India's journey towards the Asian plate and upon collision (Klaus et al., 2016; Morley, 2018). It has been theorised that the Indian flora had become fairly aggressive as the subcontinent travelled northeast, and this enabled some of its elements to rise to dominance in the rainforests of Continental and Southeast Asia, for example the families *Dipterocarpaceae*, *Malvaceae*, and *Podocarpaceae* (Morley, 2018, 2003; Sanil et al., 2022). The exchange between the rest of Asia and India occurred via dispersal and fossils dating back to the Eocene have been found on the subcontinent for the angiosperm families *Dipterocarpaceae*, *Ebenaceae*, *Sapotaceae*, and *Lauraceae* (Bhatia et al., 2021; Morley, 2018; Rust et al., 2010). The collision of the Indian plate is also said to be responsible for shaping the flora of Myanmar (Huang et al., 2021).

Oligocene (33.9 – 23.03 million years ago)

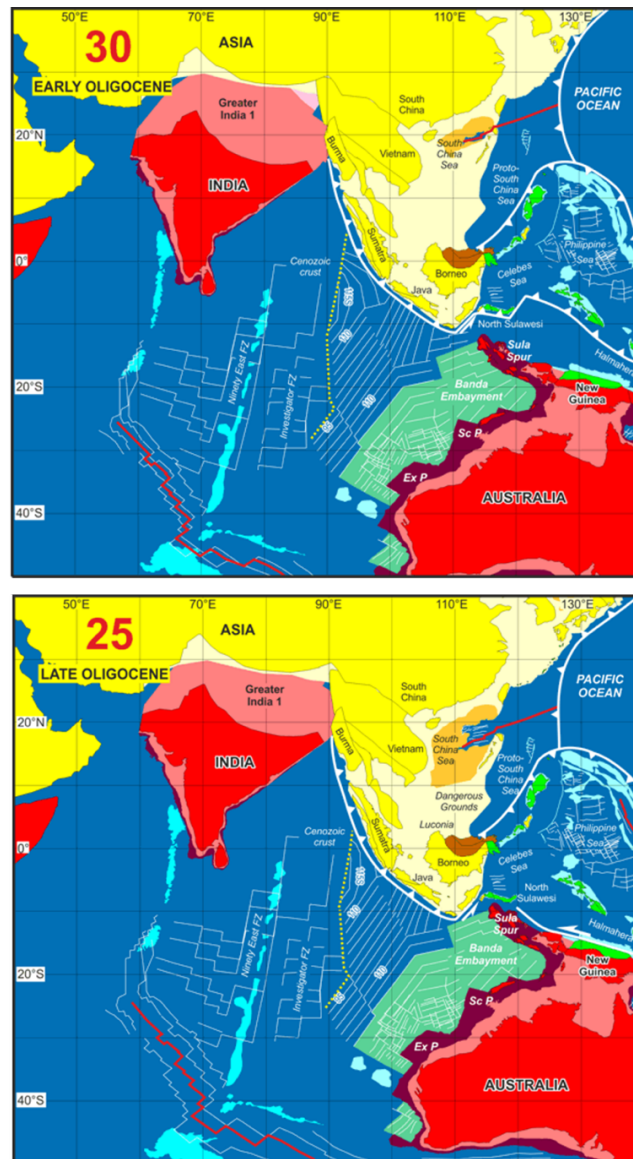


Figure 4.6: The continuing movement of the Indian plate into the Eurasian plate during the Oligocene (Hall, 2012).

The Oligocene brought the end of the Paleogene epoch, giving way to the Neogene. At this time Greater India had crossed into the temperate belt while peninsular India remained in the tropical belt (Figure 4.6). By the end of the Paleogene the Indian subcontinent had been subjected to several climatic changes (Kooyman et al., 2019; Morley, 2018). Fossil evidence has been found for the angiosperm families *Annonaceae*, *Ebenaceae*, *Lauraceae*, and *Sapotaceae* (amongst others) from between the Paleocene and the Oligocene in India (Bhatia et al., 2021). Unlike the Eocene, temperatures in the Oligocene dropped as the world witnessed a period of cooling,

which in the tropical belt translates to aridification (Dupont-Nivet et al., 2007), however temperatures remained stable and viable enough for the growth of angiosperms in the tropical belt (Burnham and Morley, 2000; Li et al., 2018). The increased aridity within the subcontinent (Gorin et al., 2020) was not so widespread that wet forests through the subcontinent were completely lost, as evidenced by the results of this study showing immigration of wet forest taxa in this epoch.

Seven clades were found arriving to the Ghats in the Oligocene. The clades belonged to the families – *Dipterocarpaceae*, *Ebenaceae*, and *Sapotaceae*. Dispersal events were scattered throughout the Oligocene. Three clades of *Dipterocarpaceae* (IX, IV, and VII) arrived to the Ghats c.32, 30, and 26 mya respectively. The three clades arrived from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf, where *Dipterocarpaceae* had become dominant after their dispersal from the Indian subcontinent (Sanil et al., 2022). Three clades of *Diospyros*, *Ebenaceae* (III, V, and VII) arrived to the Ghats from Continental Asia and Sunda, approximately 29, 28, and 25 mya respectively. A single clade of the animal dispersed tree family *Sapotaceae* (III) arrived to the Western Ghats in the Late Oligocene approximately 26 mya.

Prior to its collision with Tibet, the subcontinent boasted a per humid climate, the perfect haven for the expansion of angiosperms (Morley, 2018; Sen et al., 2019). The collision and subsequent uplift of the Himalayas along with its partial position in the temperate zone saw the per humid climate become a more seasonal one (Gorin et al., 2020). The arrival of these seven clades to the Ghats throughout the Oligocene from the ancestral areas of Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf is evidence of a constant exchange occurring between the Indian subcontinent and the rest of Asia. In the Oligocene the predominant method of clade dispersal was likely migration via a land bridge/corridor, or short distance dispersal. From the end of the Oligocene through the Miocene to the Pliocene, the Western Ghats saw the arrival of the bulk of angiosperm clades as evidenced by this study.

Miocene (23.03 – 5.33 million years ago)

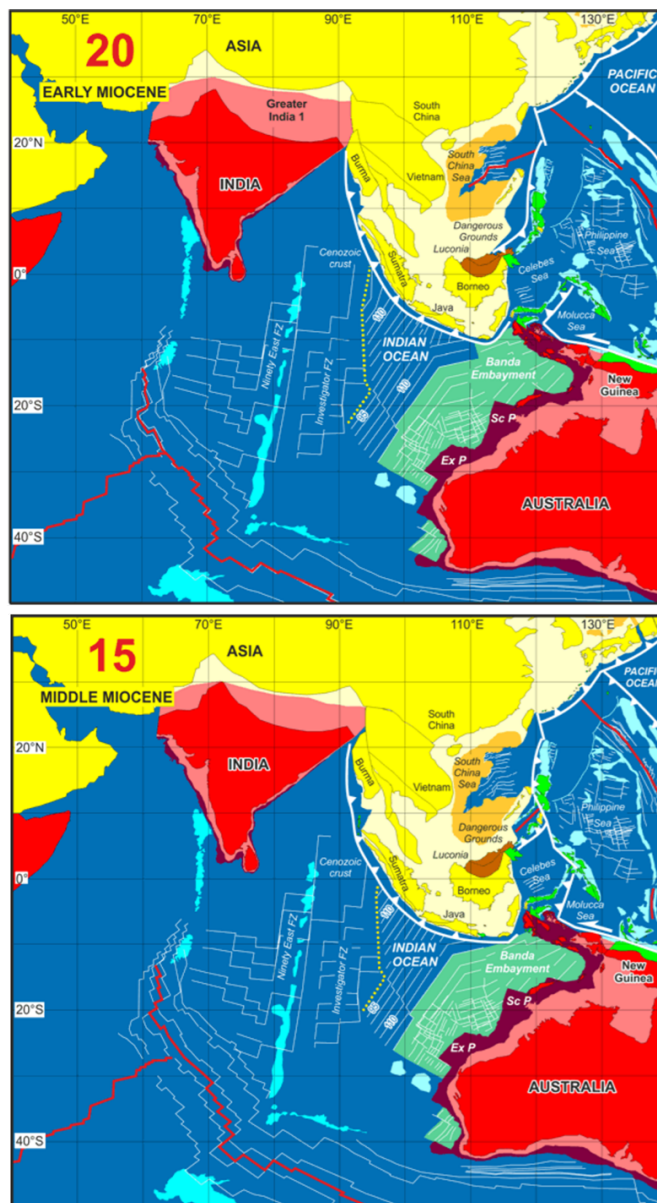


Figure 4.7: The final suturing of the Indian plate with the Eurasian plate in the Miocene (Hall, 2012).

Global temperatures rose during the Miocene driving the world into a thermal maximum (Morley, 2018). India's position in both the temperate and tropical belt, indicate that parts of the subcontinent (Figure 4.7) had a seasonal climate while other parts had a wet per humid climate (Burnham and Morley, 2000), further cause for

the Western Ghats having become a refugia for the remaining wet forests of the subcontinent (Johnson et al., 2022; Prasad et al., 2009). The continued rise of the Himalayas in the Miocene also resulted in formation of the South Asian monsoon, a climatic factor responsible for the retention of these per humid temperatures in specific niches (Ashton, 2017; Bhatia et al., 2021; Morley, 2003).

This geological epoch saw the highest number of arrivals into the Ghats. Predominantly from the regions of Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf. Out of the 49 clades that arrived, only a few had the ancestral ranges of Africa, Sri Lanka, Sahul, and Australia. Dispersal events occurred into the Ghats for all fifteen families addressed in this study. From the Northeast and the East, 16 clades arrived from Continental Asia, 13 from the Sunda Shelf, two from the Sahul Shelf, two from China, and one from the Himalayas. From the West and Southwest of the Ghats, four clades arrived from Africa and one from Madagascar. Finally, from the South, three clades arrived from Sri Lanka. The ancestral area reconstructions found six clades arriving from more than one area. A single clade of *Lauraceae* (I) arrived from the regions of America, China, and Continental Asia. Single clades of *Rubiaceae*, *Piperaceae*, and *Celastraceae* arrived from the regions of Continental Asia, and the Sunda and Sahul Shelves. A single clade of bird dispersed *Loranthaceae* arrived from Australia and the Sunda Shelf. The arrival of angiosperms to the Ghats in the Miocene was evenly distributed throughout the epoch.

The arrival of extant angiosperms in the Ghats predominantly in the Miocene may be attributed to the following occurrences during the epoch – (i) The Indian subcontinent was witnessing the spread of an arid climate – this was largely due to the formation and continued uplift of the Himalayas, (ii) the Northern half of India sat in the seasonal latitudes, (iii) the formation of the South Asian monsoon in the late Oligocene-Miocene, (iv) the Miocene thrust global temperatures into that of a thermal maximum, (v) the Western Ghats behaving as a barrier preventing precipitation over central India. These are all factors leading to a retention wet forest taxa in the last remaining wet forests on the subcontinent (the Ghats) aside from the Himalayas and the Eastern Ghats. So, while the Eocene-Oligocene may have been the period for mass dispersal events into India from the rest of Asia, the Miocene marked the dispersal into and turnover of the flora of the Western Ghats. Similar patterns of Miocene arrival were found in studies that focused on the families *Piperaceae* and *Myrtaceae* in the region (Rajasri et al., 2020; Sen et al., 2019).

The only other remaining wet forests on the Indian subcontinent are in the Himalayas and partly the Eastern Ghats. However, the Himalayas unlike the Western Ghats are a much younger range, that have a functionally and floristically different flora and do not appear to share forest composition or diversity (Chitale et al., 2014). From the point of uplift to the end of the Pleistocene, only two clades in this study were seen arriving to the Ghats from the Himalayas. This low signal from

the Himalayas is intriguing, as their relative nearness in comparison to that of the Sunda Shelf or Continental Asia would suggest the Ghats see more arrivals of Himalayan taxa, yet there is evidence of only two clades, both herbs. This floristic difference between the Himalayas and the Western Ghats may be attributed to two things – (i) the aridity of central India – effectively becoming an impossible dispersal barrier to cross and (ii) climatic variability – the Himalayas lie in the temperate zone with more pronounced seasonal changes – implying that the flora of the range is not well adapted to the wet tropical climate which predominates in the Ghats. Hence, we see more arrivals from the climatically similar Continental Asia and Sunda Shelf. There however is evidence of disjunct populations of *Rhododendron arboreum* in both the Western Ghats and the Himalayas; this is a higher montane genus and may be in a niche space which is more similar between the two ranges (Kuttapetty et al., 2014). A similar occurrence is seen for the clade *Begoniaceae* II. The clade consisted of four taxa – *Begonia trichocarpa*, *Begonia phrixophylla*, *Begonia concanensis*, and *Begonia picta*. *Begonia concanensis* and *Begonia phrixophylla* are Western Ghats endemics, *Begonia trichocarpa* is native to both the Ghats and the Himalayas, and *Begonia picta* is endemic to the Himalayas. The clade shows recent dispersal into the Ghats in the Late Miocene, with a signal from the Himalayas.

Connections between the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats are something to be explored as well. Unlike the Himalayas and the Western Ghats, the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats are connected by land bridges of sorts, commonly referred to as elephant corridors, in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (Daniels, 1996). These land bridges provide excellent connections for migration or short distance dispersal. There is evidence of shared taxa of *Annonaceae*, *Acanthaceae*, and *Rubiaceae* between the Western and Eastern Ghats (Davidar, 2009). There is also evidence of dispersal events of the centipede genus *Ethmostigmus* occurring into and out of the Western Ghats to the Eastern Ghats (Joshi and Edgecombe, 2019).

Pliocene (5.33 – 2.58 million years ago)

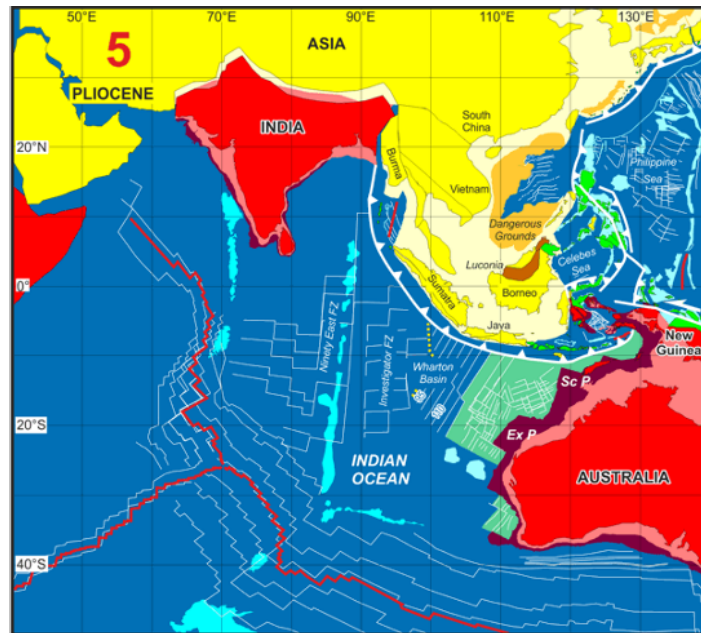


Figure 4.8: The formation of the Himalayas and India's continued collision with Eurasia in the Pliocene (Hall, 2012).

The Miocene-Pliocene boundary was once again a time of global cooling, in the tropics this translated as increased arid and seasonal climate (Dupont-Nivet et al., 2007). India occupied the same space in the Pliocene as it does today (Figure 4.8). Unlike the Oligocene, the Pliocene saw the subcontinent becoming effectively dry with wet forests more or less disappearing from the centre (Burnham and Morley, 2000). The retention of megathermal angiosperm clades in surviving per humid niches of the Indian subcontinent (Morley, 2003), effectively increased the biodiversity quotient of the Western Ghats in comparison to the rest of the subcontinent.

The Pliocene saw the arrival of 14 clades to the Ghats, nine belong to the rhizomatous herb family *Zingiberaceae*. Clades of the ginger family arrived from Continental Asia, China, Sri Lanka, and the Sunda Shelf. The increased arrival of *Zingiberaceae* in the Pliocene when compared to the Miocene was also found in a recent study of the family (Zhao et al., 2022). Three clades of *Annonaceae* arrived from Continental Asia and the Sunda Shelf, and one clade of *Begoniaceae* arrived from the Sunda Shelf. One clade of *Orchidaceae* arrived to the Ghats from several ranges in Asia – the Himalayas, China, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf. Dispersal once again being the favoured method of range expansion for the flora in this geological age. A study on *Rhododendron arboreum* found evidence of within-species disjunction

between the Himalayas and the Southern Western Ghats, potentially indicating that the subcontinent had more wet forest expanses and corridors connecting them to each other during climatic cycles (Kuttapetty et al., 2014). This is known as the Satpura Hypothesis, which suggests that the Satpura range in central India behaved as a perhumid corridor between the Himalayas and the Western Ghats during the Pleistocene glaciation period (Hora, 1953).

Pleistocene (2.58 – 0.017 million years ago)

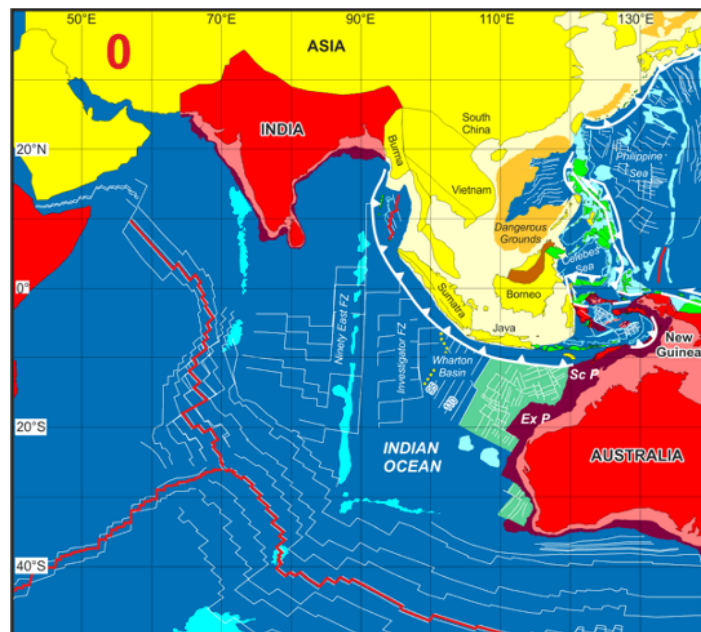


Figure 4.9: The subcontinent of India, Continental Asia, and Southeast Asia as we know them today (Hall, 2012).

The Pleistocene was the start of the Quaternary and a period of extreme climates (Burnham and Morley, 2000). It has been suggested that the multiple glacial and interglacial periods of this epoch were responsible for the loss of the subcontinent's tropical diversity (Prasad et al., 2009) (Figure 4.9). The glacial and interglacial periods would have induced several range expansions and contractions and subsequently the loss of flora (Connor, 1986). Global cooling would have been seen as aridity in the tropics, implying that the number of opportunities for dispersal of wet forest flora would be much fewer (Burnham and Morley, 2000). Only two clades

of the 75 arrived into the Ghats during this epoch. Both clades belonged to the monocot family *Zingiberaceae*.

One clade arrived from Continental Asia, while the second arrived from Sri Lanka. The island of Sri Lanka and the Western Ghats together combine to form one of the world's biodiversity hotspots (Gunawardene *et al.*, 2007). Dispersals from Sri Lanka are likely to have occurred via the Palk Strait, a land bridge that became subaerial in the Pleistocene (Bossuyt, 2004). Considering its latitudinal position this land bridge would have been dominated by savannahs or scrub forests (Burnham and Morley, 2000) similar to those of today (Meegaskumbura *et al.*, 2019). However, while there exists a connection between the Ghats and Sri Lanka, there is abundant evidence indicating that they have noticeably different floras (Bossuyt, 2004; Gunawardene *et al.*, 2007; Van Bocxlaer *et al.*, 2012). In addition to which of the 75 clades that arrived to the Western Ghats only 6 showed a signal of origin from Sri Lanka.

The Western Ghats Today

Diversity in the Ghats is relatively young and appears to have arrived via geologically recent immigration, with floristic links to Continental and Southeast Asia rather than the rest of the Indian subcontinent or the Himalayas. Based on contemporary temperature seasonality and annual precipitation levels, we see similar climate niches in the Western Ghats, Continental Asia, and the Sunda Shelf (Figures 4.10 & 4.11). This is congruent with a hypothesis of climatic similarity driving the observed floristic similarity, and dispersal being the main influence for the composition of the flora. The Ghats are the first hurdle encountered by the South Asian monsoon (Gunnell, 1997), a system that supports the retention of their pre-collision per humid forests, providing a climatic analogue to areas with evergreen wet tropical forests in other parts of Asia. When the Indian plate collided with the Tibet, it created an arid zone through the centre of the subcontinent, now referred to as the Deccan plateau. Leaving the Western Ghats, the Himalayas and parts of the Eastern Ghats as the last harbourers of pre-collision wet forests (Morley, 2003).

While the Western Ghats are a part of the Indian peninsula, their latitudinal position and encounters with the South Asian monsoons result in an entirely unique climatic environment found no-where else on the subcontinent (Prasad *et al.*, 2009). This comparatively small climatic niche is home to a vast range of flora, much of which is entirely unique to the range and contains signals from ca. 50 My of floristic exchange. The size of the Ghats and the effect of climate change on this range will have damaging consequences to the biodiversity of the Indian subcontinent – losing both new and potentially old flora.

The results of this study have added to the current understanding of floristic Phylogenetic Diversity (PD) in the Western Ghats. Further study of the phylogenetic diversity of the range will aid in the identification of areas of high lineage diversity as well as regions of stable climate optimum for floristic refugia. By analysing PD in terms of the Ghats' unique climate it is possible to protect regions of the range with high diversity that require conservation, as indicated in a recent study conducted in the Ghats (Gopal et al., 2023).

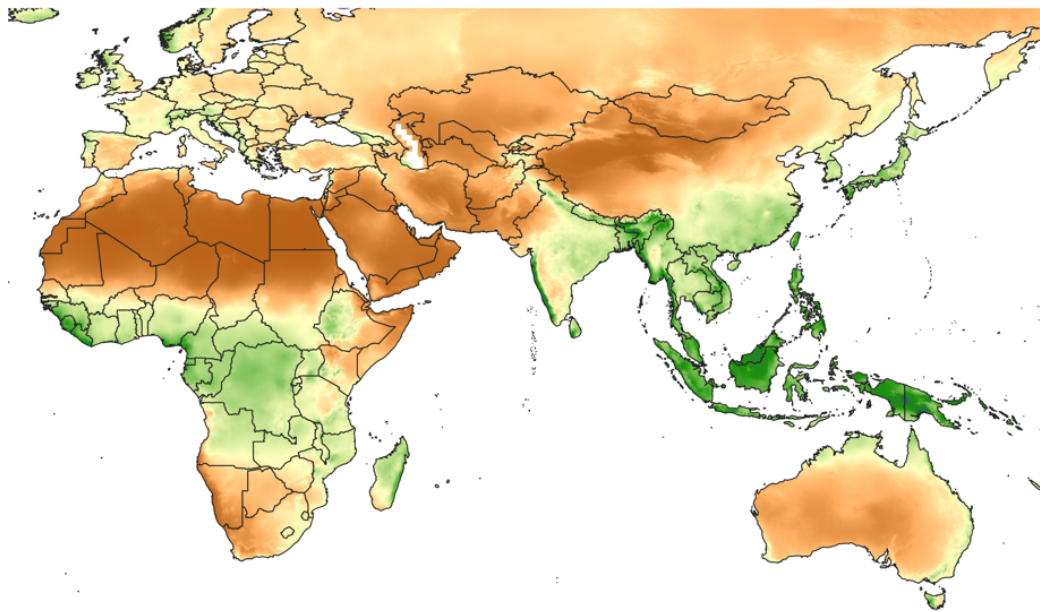


Figure 4.10: Annual precipitation in the world. Shades of green depicting areas with higher rates of precipitation than those in brown.

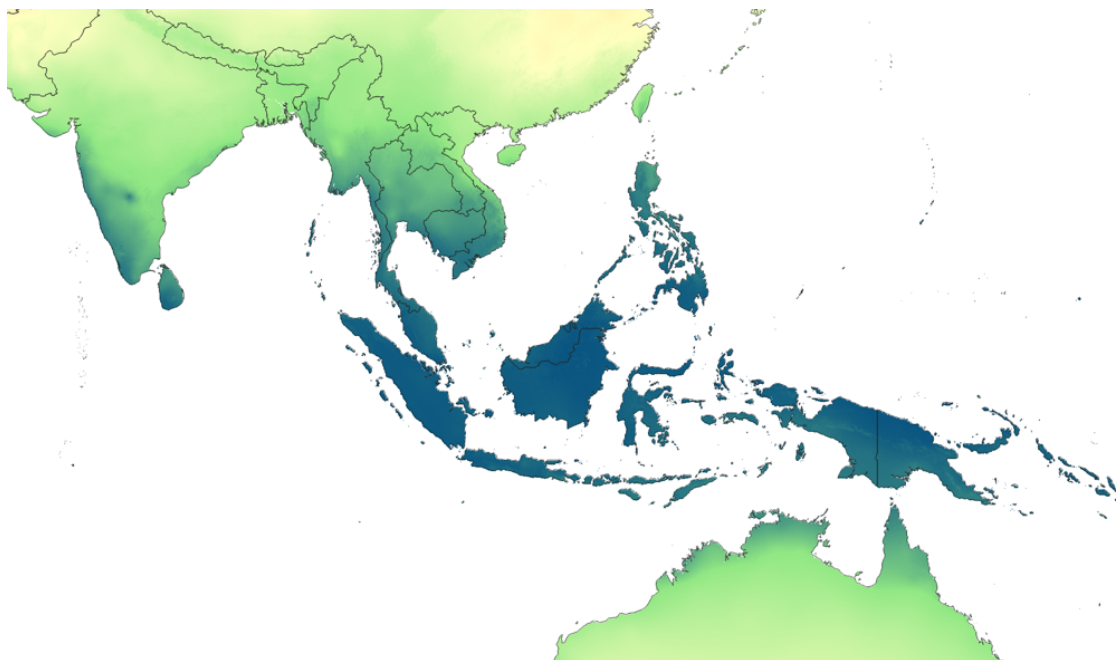


Figure 4.11: Temperature seasonality over Asia. Blue shades depict decreasing temperature seasonality.

4.3 Conclusions

The Western Ghats, also known as the Sahyadri mountain range or the Great Escarpment of India, are an ancient and discontinuous mountain range. All these names aside they stand to be one of the most distinct mountain ranges in the world, and they come with an exceptionally fascinating bio(geo)graphy.

The extant angiosperm flora of the Ghats arrived predominantly during the Miocene with mostly Continental Asian and Sunda Shelf origins, and indicates that our data fits the hypothesis of dispersal into of India, post collision of the subcontinent with Asia. The tumultuous nature of India's journey through the latitudes, its encounters with climate change, severe volcanism, meteor collisions, and its ultimate collision with the rich flora on the Eurasian plate mean vicariant floristic remnants are not detectable in the Western Ghats extant flora.

This study found no dispersal events into the Western Ghats from the Early Cretaceous to the Late Paleocene. India's movement through the latitudes into the Northern Hemisphere indicates that at some point in the Cretaceous it was in the Mediterranean belt (Chatterjee et al., 2013), implying it was witness to aridification which would not suit a wet megathermal flora on the subcontinent. It is likely that due to its turbulent geological history, global climatic changes and its movement through the latitudes, the Western Ghats witnessed widespread species composition turnover over the span of 100 million years, starting with a Gondwanan flora, witnessing mass extinctions and then immigration and colonisation by a younger more resilient flora. This is supported by a recent study comparing the phylogenetic diversity of Indian and Malagasy rainforest floras, showing the proportion of shared lineages decreased through geological time after the rifting of India (Barthelemy et al., 2022).

Although the results of this study largely favour the arrival of angiosperms in the Miocene from Asia, there is some evidence for taxa having rafted on the Indian subcontinent, such as for *Dipterocarpaceae* and *Zingiberaceae*. Although not replicated here, Sanil et al. (2022) found a likely Gondwanan vicariant origin for *Dipterocarpaceae*, which is also represented by a fossil dating to c.52 mya on the subcontinent. Rafting post-split of Gondwana has been postulated for having a role in the colonisation of Asia by *Zingiberaceae* due to fossils present in the Deccan traps, however this is not backed up by molecular phylogenies of extant taxa in this or other studies (Zhao et al., 2022). The presence of *Crypteroniaceae* in Southeast Asia and Sri Lanka (but not on the Indian subcontinent) has also been cited as evidence of Gondwanan vicariance (Conti et al., 2002; Karanth, 2006), but further work is needed on the molecular dating of this. The fossil evidence shows that although the flora of India would have been transformed and traumatised during the subcontinent's journey, it would never have been entirely extirpated. The lack of phylogenetic

signal of this in the extant flora is likely due to extinction and over-writing of past vicariance through mass floristic exchange with climatically similar areas in Asia. However, there is a clearer evidence of faunal relics still existing today, supported by phylogenetic data (Dutta et al., 2004; Johnson et al., 2022; Joshi and Edgecombe, 2019; Van Bocxlaer et al., 2012). That animal clades have retained some older and demonstrably vicariant lineages whilst plants have not is best explained by the dispersal abilities of angiosperms leading to a blurring of past distributions.

The cradle versus museum hypothesis of tropical diversity has been the source of much debate, it is a dichotomy. The concept of cradle vs museum does not examine the deep evolutionary processes involved in the arrival or extinction of species in tropical rainforests (Vasconcelos et al., 2022). As evidenced by this study, the geological and climatic histories of ranges are vital to the understanding of their respective bio-diversities, it is not simply enough to classify a rainforest as museum or cradle based on the age of their species compositions alone. Similar studies tracing the arrival of angiosperm lineages through time and space have been conducted in the regions of Sri Lanka, the Sunda and Sahul shelves, and the Neotropics (Crayn et al., 2015; unpublished, Kumarage, 2016; Vasconcelos et al., 2020). A study conducted in a similarly ancient range, the Campos rupestres, in Brazil found that despite the geological age of the ridge, the flora of the region was quite young (Vasconcelos et al., 2020).

Despite the vastly different age and tumultuous history of the Ghats, it seems in many ways they have a flora not so dissimilar from other tropical montane floras, consisting of geologically youthful lineages, and driven by dispersal and high species turnover.

4.4 Further Research

The flora of the Western Ghats is vast, and this study only manages to address a percentage of its extensive biogeographic history. Further sampling would help establish the concept of a relatively young flora. The addition of other angiosperm families would improve our understanding of whether the flora of the Ghats is truly young or if some Gondwanan relics remain as seen in the fauna of the region. This study has some data for the family *Gesneriaceae* which needs further analysis. Other families to choose from would be those for which fossil evidence has previously been found on the Indian subcontinent, as well as those families that rose to dominance in the forests of Continental and Southeast Asia.

The data generated for *Begonia* in this study consisted of multiple samples of each species and phylogenies from all three genome compartments. The taxonomic clarification of names in the nomenclaturally complex cane *Begonias* of the Western Ghats is currently a work in progress, as is understanding the phylogenetic incongruence of taxa seen amongst chloroplast, nuclear, mitochondrial trees.

Further work is also needed on the Bioinformatics problem that is soft clipping. This study observed the removal of good and useful reads from shallow whole genome skims during inspection of individual BAM files, and would be useful to understand whether similar issues arise when these mapping packages are employed for bait capture data, and whether there is a noticeable difference in the subsequent consensus' that are called.

In terms of biogeography, investigating the dispersal syndromes and niche envelopes of the species in the families studied here would give greater understanding of differences in the number of dispersal events and the area of origin between families. The Ghats are not homogenous, and looking at niche evolution in the families which represent different functional types and are present in different altitudinal ranges may help to better explain the build up of the flora. An empirical analysis of climatic similarity of the Ghats and surrounding areas of origin would also be beneficial. This study comprehensively looked at clades and species arriving into the Ghats. This could be extended into a study looking at floristic exchange between all regions in the project, especially regarding exchange involving out-of-India dispersal. This could be done using stochastic mapping as implemented in BioGeoBEARS (Matzke, 2018). Finally, the biogeographic analyses could be further extended using a stratified analysis which includes information on past area configuration and connection (e.g., (Baker et al., 2020)) which may help highlight any signal of vicariant events.

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<i>Annonaceae</i>														
<i>Annona reticulata</i>	Robert Wight	23 or 26	IN	H	E	MAno05	E00850284	Courtallam	July 1835	MAno05	WGS	1.82	1.2	MAno05
<i>Polyalthia cerasoides</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	MAno06	E00850279	Courtallam	July 1835	MAno06	WGS	8.775	2.1	MAno06
<i>Uvaria narum</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	MAno08	E00850277	Quilon (Kollam)	June 1836	MAno08	WGS	3.96	2.08	MAno08
<i>Desmos lawii</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	MAno12	E00850278	Quilon (Kollam)	June 1836	MAno12	WGS	0.026	2.02	MAno12
<i>Annona reticulata</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR038	IN	SD		MSF16		Mukkali, Bhavani Range Gate, Silent Valley National Park	22-Aug-22	MSF16	WGS	1.37	2.01	MSF16
<i>Milium tomentosum</i>	C J Saldanha	14112	IN	H	E	MAno10	E00092513		July 16 1969	MAno10	WGS	0.951	1.74	MAno10
<i>Goniothalamus rhynchantherus</i>	Robert Wight	12	IN	H	E	MAno01	E00850281		September 1835	<i>Goniothalamus_rhynchantherus_MAno01</i>	WGS	0.88	3.8	MAno01
<i>Goniothalamus cardiopetalus</i>	A S Rao	85594	IN	H	E	MAno02	E00850282	Abbi Falls stream, Coorg District		<i>Goniothalamus_cardiopetalus_MAno02</i>	WGS	2.525	2.45	MAno02
<i>Goniothalamus wightii</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	MAno03	E00179455	Courtallam	February 1836	<i>Goniothalamus_wightii_MAno03</i>	WGS	0.022	1.66	MAno03
<i>Orophea uniflora</i>	Robert Wight	7	IN	H	E	MAno04	E00393099	Courtallam	July 1835	<i>Orophea_uniflora_MAno04</i>	WGS	0.759	57.41	MAno04
<i>Polyalthia suberosa</i>	Robert Wight	19	IN	H	E	MAno07	E00850280	Courtallam	March 1835	<i>Polyalthia_suberosa_MAno07</i>	WGS	5.745	2.04	MAno07
<i>Milium wightiana</i>	Robert Wight	17	IN	H	E	MAno09	E00092507	Peninsular India Orientalis		<i>Milium_wightiana_MAno09</i>	WGS	3.885	2.18	MAno09
<i>Milium indica</i>	Robert Wight	13	IN	H	E	MAno11	E00206708		September 1835	<i>Milium_indica_MAno11</i>	WGS	5.245	2.08	MAno11
<i>Mitrephora heyneana</i>	Commander J Campbell		IN	H	E	MAno13	E00850283	Pulney Mountains	September 1836	<i>Mitrephora_heyneana_MAno13</i>	WGS	3.47	2.24	MAno13
<i>Polyalthia longifolia</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR021	IN	SD		MSF12		Range Forest Office, Somwarpet		<i>Polyalthia_longifolia_MS12</i>	WGS	9.46	2.15	MSF12
<i>Artabotrys zeylanica</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR023	IN	SD		MSF27		Devarkadu, Shantahalli, Somwarpet Range	18-Aug-22	<i>Artabotrys_zeylanica_MS12</i>	WGS	1.38	2.19	MSF27

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<i>Begoniaceae</i>														
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BDi02	E00300339	Courtallam		BDi02	WGS	1.675	1.94	BDi02
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	H F Cleghorn and sq M D		IN	H	E	BDi04	E00300512	Anamallay (Anamalai)	1859	BDi04	WGS	0.271	1.77	BDi04
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight	839	IN	H	E	BDi05	E00300338	Courtallam Nilgherry (Nilgiri Hills)		BDi05	WGS	0.149	0.97	BDi05
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Nathaniel Wallich	3675 D	IN	H	E	BDi06	E00300347			BDi06	WGS	0.134	1.46	BDi06
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>		794	IN	H	E	BDi09	E00300345	Pykara Falls	December 23 1986	BDi09	WGS	0.883	1.55	BDi09
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>			IN	H	E	BDi12	E00300340	Conoor, Nilgiri Hills		BDi12	WGS	0.118	1.6	BDi12
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BDi15	E00300343	Courtallam	July 1835	BDi15	WGS	1.87	1.11	BDi15
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>		1795/1792	IN	H	E	BDi16	E00300334	Peninsular India Orientalis		BDi16	WGS	0.327	1.02	BDi16
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	H F Cleghorn and sq M D		IN	H	E	BDi18	E00300331	Nilgherry Hills	1855	BDi18	WGS	1.82	1.88	BDi18
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight	1795	IN	H	E	BDi19	E00300335	Peninsular India Orientalis		BDi19	WGS	2.02	1.31	BDi19
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight	1794	IN	H	E	BDi20	E00300413	Peninsular India Orientalis		BDi20	WGS	0.313	1.82	BDi20
<i>Begonia dipetala</i> (<i>Begonia hydrophila</i>)			IN	H	E	BDi21	E00300333	Nilgiri Mountains		BDi21	WGS	6.655	1.96	BDi21
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	George Watt		IN	H	E	BDi22	E00300346	Nilghiri Hills		BDi22	WGS	0.912	1.93	BDi22
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Edward Barnes	199	IN	H	K	BDi23		Nilgiris	01/06/1933- June 1933	BDi23	WGS	3.536	1.76	BDi23
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	C E Ridsdale	682	IN	H	K	BDi24		Devicolam - Periyar Road	24/03/1980	BDi24	WGS	3.105	1.7	BDi24
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	L Anglade	10659	IN	H	K	BDi26		Pulney Hills	Jul-26	BDi26	WGS	5.155	1.86	BDi26
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Ridsdale	717700486	IN	H	K	BDi27	K717700486	800m	16/01/1979	BDi27	WGS	9.36	1.89	BDi27
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa1	E00179313	Courtallam	September 1835	BMa1	WGS	0.099	0.82	BMa1
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight	838	IN	H	E	BMa10	E00179307	Courtallam	February 1836	BMa10	WGS	1.975	2	BMa10
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa11	E00179306	Courtallam	July 1835	BMa11	WGS	6.55	1.94	BMa11

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<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight	836	IN	H	E	BMa15	E00179316	Malabar		BMa15	WGS	1.37	1.95	BMa15
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa16	E00179308	Courtallam	August 1835	BMa16	WGS	0.248	1.03	BMa16
<i>Begonia brevicaulis</i>	G H Cave		IN	H	E	MBeg02	E00157125	Tista	01-Aug-17	MBeg02	WGS	1.175	1.88	MBeg02 Extracted twice
<i>Begonia concanensis</i>		51 or 57	IN	H	E	MBeg10	E00022097	Lonavala (Lanowlee)	August	MBeg10	WGS	1.395	1.54	MBeg10 Extracted twice
<i>Begonia sp</i>	G Watt	10237	IN	H	E	MBeg11	E00300511	Poona Ghat	August 16 1891	MBeg11	WGS	0.307	1.47	MBeg11
<i>Begonia trichocarpa</i>	Mr. Law		IN	H	K	MBeg14		Bababudan Hills, Malabar	1872	MBeg14	WGS	1.405	1.07	MBeg14
<i>Begonia thwaitesii</i>	Philcox and Weerasooriya	10748	IN	H	K	MBeg15		Matale District, Rattota to Illukkumbura road	11/02/1996	MBeg15	WGS	0.357	1.31	MBeg15
<i>Begonia fallax</i>	Col. Beddome		IN	H	K	MBeg17		South Canara to Ceylon	December 1880	MBeg17	WGS	2.225	1.68	MBeg17
<i>Begonia trichocarpa</i>	Nikhil Krishna and Pradip VD	148480	IN	SD	C	CUBG12		Morjai Plateau		CUBG12	WGS	1.885	1.87	CUBG12 Extracted twice
<i>Begonia concanensis</i>	W A Talbot	783	IN	H	E	MBeg03	E00022098	Some area in North Kanara	December 4 1883	MBeg03	WGS	0.775	1.53	MBeg03 Extracted twice
<i>Begonia brevicaulis</i>	G H Cave		IN	H	E	MBeg08	E00300429	Tista	21-Jul-15	MBeg08	WGS	0.437	1.4	MBeg08 Extracted twice
<i>Begonia floccifera</i>	Anonymous	10842	IN	H	K	MBeg13		Sengalateri, Tinnevely	Oct-19	MBeg13	WGS	0.662	1.7	MBeg13 Extracted twice
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight	695	IN	H	E	BDi01	E00300342	Courtallam	March 1835	BDi01	WGS	0.063	0.98	BDi01
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight	2793	IN	H	E	BDi07	E00300341	Peninsular India Orientalis		BDi07	WGS	0.06	2.92	BDi07
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight	1795	IN	H	E	BDi10	E00300417	Peninsular India Orientalis		BDi10	WGS	0.026	1.11	BDi10
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>		795	IN	H	E	BDi11	E00300349	Kartaury	14 May 1889	BDi11	WGS	0.086	1.07	BDi11
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight	1796	IN	H	E	BDi13	E00300332			BDi13	WGS	0.006	-3.38	BDi13
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BDi14	E00300350	Peninsular India Orientalis		BDi14	WGS	0.018	1.89	BDi14
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight	1799	IN	H	E	BDi17	E00300418	High Hills		BDi17	WGS	0.14	1.83	BDi17
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight	698	IN	H	E	BMa2	E00179314	Courtallam	September 1835	BMa2	WGS	0.208	2.47	BMa2
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa3	E00179315	Courtallam	September 1835	BMa3	WGS	0.231	1.9	BMa3

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<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa4	E00179312	Courtallam	September 1835	BMa4	WGS	0.398	1.61	BMa4
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight	696	IN	H	E	BMa5	E00179309	Courtallam	August 1835	BMa5	WGS	0.086	0.82	BMa5
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa6	E00179311	Courtallam	August/September 1835	BMa6	WGS	0.32	1.49	BMa6
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa7	E00179310	Courtallam	August 1835	BMa7	WGS	0.004	-4.38	BMa7
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Colin Ernest Ridsdale	399	IN	H	E	BMa8	E00649103	Walaiyar Estate, Papanasam, Tamil Nadu	July 13 1976	BMa8	WGS	0.032	1.13	BMa8
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa12	E00179304	Courtallam		BMa12	WGS	0.109	1.01	BMa12
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight	837	IN	H	E	BMa14	E00179317	Malabar	June 1836	BMa14	WGS	0.227	0.99	BMa14
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Ridsdale	399	IN	H	K	BMa17		Waliyar Estate, Papanasam	13/07/1976	BMa17	WGS	0.062	1.12	BMa17
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Colin Ernest Ridsdale	144	IN	H	E	BMa19	E00649089	Ponmudi Tea Plantation, Kerala	June 11 1976	BMa19	WGS	0.034	-2.52	BMa19
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa21	E00300407	Peninsular India		BMa21	WGS	0.04	0.41	BMa21
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa22	E00300414	Peninsular India		BMa22	WGS	0.093	0.12	BMa22
<i>Begonia sp</i>		10237	IN	H	E	MBeg18	E00300509	Kali Caves, Poona (Pune)	August 1891	MBeg18	WGS	0.55	1.84	MBeg18
<i>Begonia hydrophilla</i>	LJ Sedgwick	7061	IN	H	K	MBeg19		Evergreen near Jog	Oct-19	MBeg19	WGS	0.184	1.26	MBeg19
<i>Begonia hydrophilla</i>	Ridsdale	283	IN	H	K	MBeg20		Silent Valley, Pulney Hills	25/06/1976	MBeg20	WGS	0.058	1.07	MBeg20
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>			IN	H	E	BDi08	E00300344			BDi08	WGS	0.227	3.51	BDi08
<i>Begonia crenata</i>	Stocks, Law		IN	H	E	MBeg04	E00300307	Propé Malabar, Concan		MBeg04	WGS	0.057	1.05	MBeg04
<i>Begonia sp</i>	Robert Wight	1214	IN	H	E	MBeg09	E00300513	Peninsular India		MBeg09	WGS	0.122	-0.89	MBeg09
<i>Begonia fallax</i>	Ridsdale	68	IN	H	K	MBeg16		Ponmudi Kerala	08/06/1976	MBeg16	WGS	0.03	2.1	MBeg16
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR001	IN	SD		MSF1		Office of the Deputy Wildlife Warden Madikeri Division	15/08/2022	MSF1	WGS	0.472	2.2	MSF1
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR010	IN	SD		MSF3		Office of the Deputy Wildlife Warden Madikeri Division	16/08/2022	MSF3	WGS	0.404	1.76	MSF3

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<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR027A	IN	SD		MSF8		Office of the Assistant Wildlife Warden Tholpetty Range, Begur, Wayanad	19/08/2022	MSF8	WGS	2.4	2.14	MSF8
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR027B	IN	SD		MSF9		Office of the Assistant Wildlife Warden Tholpetty Range, Begur, Wayanad	19/08/2022	MSF9	WGS	0.468	2.06	MSF9
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR027C	IN	SD		MSF10		Office of the Assistant Wildlife Warden Tholpetty Range, Begur, Wayanad	19/08/2022	MSF10	WGS	1.93	2.19	MSF10
<i>Begonia cordifolia</i>	Robert Wight	835	IN	H	E	MBeg05	E00013887	Malabar	June 1835	MBeg05	WGS	0.094	4.16	MBeg05
<i>Begonia arnottiana</i>	Robert Wight	693	IN	H	E	MBeg01	E00179303	Courtallam	September 1835	MBeg01	WGS	0.347	1.92	MBeg01 Extracted twice
<i>Begonia subpeltata</i>	Robert Wight	841	IN	H	E	MBeg06	E00022038	Papanasam (Papanasam)	January 1836	MBeg06	WGS	0.485	1.58	MBeg06 Extracted twice
<i>Begonia sp</i>	Arnot Walker		IN	H	E	MBeg07	E00300508	Bombay		MBeg07	WGS	0.171	4.25	MBeg07 Extracted twice
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BDi03	E00300416	Courtallam	July 1835	BDi03	WGS	0.539	2.15	BDi03
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Thwaite	3949	IN	H	K	BDi25				BDi25	WGS	0.277	4.31	BDi25
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa9	E00300405	Peninsular India Orientalis		BMa9	WGS	4.8	1.88	BMa9
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Mr Woodrow		IN	H	E	BMa20	E00300514	Poona		BMa20	WGS	0.25	3.7	BMa20
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	AG Robyns	7181	IN	H	K	BMa23		Hantane, East Slope, Kandy District	15/02/1971	BMa23	WGS	1.545	1.63	BMa23
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR040B	IN	SD		MSF15		Bhavani Range, Silent Valley National Park, Karuvar	23/08/2022	MSF15	WGS	0.85	2.18	MSF15
<i>Begonia anaimalaie nsis</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR034	IN	SD		MSF17		Mukkali, Bhavani Range, Silent Valley	22/08/2022	MSF17	WGS	2.66	2.11	MSF17

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<i>Begonia anaimalaie nsis</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR036A	IN	SD		MSF19		Mukkali, Bhavani Range, Silent Valley	22/08/2022	MSF19	WGS	2.76	1.96	MSF19
<i>Begonia anaimalaie nsis</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR035	IN	SD		MSF22		Mukkali, Bhavani Range, Silent Valley	22/08/2022	MSF22	WGS	2.7	2.15	MSF22
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR053	IN	SD		MSF41		Bhavani Range, Silent Valley National Park	23/08/2022	MSF41	WGS	2.34	2.21	MSF41
<i>Begonia fallax</i>	Nikhil Krishna	168402	IN	SD	C	CUBG1		Agasthyam ala		CUBG1	WGS	1.985	2	CUBG1
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Nikhil Krishna	168433	IN	SD	C	CUBG3		Malappura m		CUBG3	WGS	7.525	1.87	CUBG3
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Nikhil Krishna	148492	IN	SD	C	CUBG4		Yercaud		CUBG4	WGS	12.45	2.02	CUBG4
<i>Begonia hydrophila</i>	Nikhil Krishna	148451	IN	SD	C	CUBG5		Bagamanda la		CUBG5	WGS	6.09	2.07	CUBG5
<i>Begonia hydrophila</i>	Nikhil Krishna	148441	IN	SD	C	CUBG9		Kakkayam		CUBG9	WGS	2.005	1.89	CUBG9
<i>Begonia fallax</i>	Nikhil Krishna	148471	IN	SD	C	CUBG10		Goodrikal		CUBG10	WGS	1.475	1.86	CUBG10
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Nikhil Krishna	168435	IN	SD	C	CUBG11		Calicut University Botanic Garden		CUBG11	WGS	1.665	1.95	CUBG11
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Nikhil Krishna	148459	IN	SD	C	CUBG13		Pooyamkuty		CUBG13	WGS	4.91	2.04	CUBG13
<i>Begonia hydrophila</i>	Nikhil Krishna	168434	IN	SD	C	CUBG14		Calicut University Botanic Garden		CUBG14	WGS	4.8	1.96	CUBG14
<i>Begonia sp</i>	Nikhil Krishna	148442	IN	SD	C	CUBG15		Kakkayam		CUBG15	WGS	66	2.04	CUBG15
<i>Begonia sp</i>	Nikhil Krishna	168410	IN	SD	C	CUBG16		Thenjhipala m		CUBG16	WGS	8.325	2.01	CUBG16
<i>Begonia sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR032	IN	SD		MSF18		Office of the Assistant Wildlife Warden Tholpetty Range, Begur, Wayanad	19/08/2022	MSF18	WGS	3.34	2.14	MSF18
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Mr Woodrow		IN	H	E	BMa20	E00300514	Poona		BMa20	WGS	0.25	3.7	BMa20
<i>Begonia concanensi s</i>	Drisy	148438	IN	SD	C	CUBG2		Agumbe		<i>Begonia_concanensis_CUBG2</i>	WGS	0.17	1.33	CUBG2
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	BMa18	E00300410	Peninsular India Orientalis		<i>Begonia_malabarica_BMa18</i>	WGS	0.671	2.01	BMa18

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<i>Begonia tenera</i>	F N Hepper	4508	SL	H	K	MBeg12		Ginigathena to Kitulgala, Kegalle District, Sabargamu wa Province	26/06/1972	<i>Begonia_tenera_MBeg12</i>	WGS	0.375	1.38	MBeg12
<i>Begonia malabarica</i>			IN	F	K	KLBM	1999-3378 GLGO			<i>Begonia_fallax_KLBM</i>	WGS	3.845		KLBM
<i>Begonia hydrophila</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR033	IN	SD		MSF13		Mukkali, Bhavani Range, Silent Valley	19/08/2022	<i>Begonia_hydrophila_MS13</i>	WGS	1.37	2.19	MSF13
<i>Begonia dipetala</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR040A	IN	SD		MSF14		Bhavani Range, Silent Valley National Park, Karuvar	23/08/2022	<i>Begonia_dipetala_MS14</i>	WGS	0.976	2.27	MSF14
<i>Begonia anaimalaensis</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR036B	IN	SD		MSF20		Mukkali, Bhavani Range, Silent Valley	22/08/2022	<i>Begonia_anaimalaensis_MS20</i>	WGS	1.17	1.8	MSF20
<i>Begonia phrixophylla</i>	Nikhil Krishna and Sooraj	153681	IN	SD	C	CUBG6		Lodwick point		<i>Begonia_phrixophylla_CUBG6</i>	WGS	1.04	1.9	CUBG6
<i>Begonia trichocarpa</i>	Amrutha and Jeomol	153682	IN	SD	C	CUBG7		Thillari		<i>Begonia_trichocarpa_CUBG7</i>	WGS	3.315	1.94	CUBG7
<i>Begonia handibadaganathensis</i>	Nikhil Krishna and AK Pradeep	168432	IN	SD	C	CUBG8		Handibadaganath		<i>Begonia_handibadaganathensis_CUBG8</i>	WGS	4.15	2.08	CUBG8
Chloranthaceae														
<i>Chloranthus spicatus</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	MChl02	E00179370	Peninsular India Orientalis		MChl02	WGS	8.245	1.39	MChl02
<i>Sarcandra grandifolia</i>	Robert Wight	878	IN	H	E	MSar01	E00317628	Courtallam	August 1835	<i>Sarcandra_grandifolia_MSar01</i>	LP	10.34	1.4	MSar01
Ebenaceae														
<i>Diospyros candolleana</i>	C J Saldanha	16859	IN	H	E	MDio01	E00850302	Vanagur Hassan District	April 25 1970	MDio01	WGS	0.411	2.05	MDio01
<i>Diospyros neilgherrensis</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	MDio05	E00850310	Peninsular India Orientalis		MDio05	WGS	1.32	2.11	MDio05
<i>Diospyros nigrescens</i>	C J Saldanha, T P Ramamoorthy	HFP 420	IN	H	E	MDio07	E00850311	Kempuhole Hassan District	August 5 1970	MDio07	WGS	1.009	1.44	MDio07
<i>Diospyros orixensis</i>	Robert Wight	475/2695	IN	H	E	MDio08	E00850312	Courtallam	August 1835	MDio08	WGS	4.795	1.39	MDio08

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<i>Diospyros humilis</i>	Robert Wight	475	IN	H	E	MDio12	E00850306	Courtallam Yellapora, North Canara	August 1835	MDio12	WGS	1.323	1.09	MDio12
<i>Diospyros microphylla</i>	W A Talbot	375	IN	H	E	MDio13	E00850305	Bengaluru, Karnataka	March 10 1883	MDio13	WGS	1.439	1.44	MDio13
<i>Diospyros sylvatica</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR094	IN	SD		MSF49			31-Aug-22	MSF49	WGS	7.62	2.17	MSF49
<i>Diospyros ferrea</i>	Robert Wight	579	IN	H	E	MDio02	E00850304	Quilon (Kollam)	June 1836	<i>Diospyros_ferrea_MDio02</i>	LP	22.45	2.06	MDio02
<i>Diospyros ebenum</i>	Robert Wight	472	IN	H	E	MDio03	E00850303	Courtallam	March 1835	<i>Diospyros_ebenum_MDio03</i>	LP	9.54	2.04	MDio03
<i>Diospyros pruriens</i>	T P Ramamoorthy	HFP 1535	IN	H	E	MDio04	E00850313	Kempu hole Shiradi Ghat Hassan District	April 13 1971	<i>Diospyros_pruriens_MDio04</i>	WGS	0.66	0.97	MDio04
<i>Diospyros montana</i>	C J Saldanha	15446	IN	H	E	MDio06	E00850309	Hebbsale on road to Hasbal	October 29 1969	<i>Diospyros_montana_MDio06</i>	WGS	1.189	1.47	MDio06
<i>Diospyros malabarica</i>	Robert Wight	2143	IN	H	E	MDio09	E00850307	Quilon (Kollam)	October 1835/1837	<i>Diospyros_malabarica_MDio09</i>	WGS	1.315	2.28	MDio09
<i>Diospyros melanoxylo n</i>	Meebold	9300	IN	H	E	MDio10	E00850308	Kimmsi Maisor (Mysore District)	1908 October	<i>Diospyros_melanoxylo n_MDio10</i>	LP	13.6	1.99	MDio10
<i>Diospyros sylvatica</i>	Kostermans	25823	IN	H	E	MDio11	E00850552	Anamalais Kariay Sholas	October 29 1974	<i>Diospyros_sylvatica_MDio11</i>	WGS	0.519	1.88	MDio11
<i>Diospyros geminata</i>	Worboys, S.J.	1348	AU		K	6364-JK-3_001_S1_L 005		Australia		<i>Diospyros_geminata_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros australis</i>	Frod, A.	2104	AU		K	6364-JK-3_003_S1_L 005		Australia		<i>Diospyros_australis_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros humilis</i>	Stuart, S.A.	789	AU		K	6364-JK-3_011_S1_L 005		Australia		<i>Diospyros_humilis_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros defectrix</i>	Beusekom	2079	CA		K	6364-JK-3_020_S1_L 005		Thailand		<i>Diospyros_defectrix_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros hebecarpa</i>	Fazang, K.M.; et al.	LAE 89113	NG		K	6364-JK-3_025_S1_L 005		New Guinea/Papua Newguinea		<i>Diospyros_hebecarpa_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros lotus</i>	Meeprom	184	EA		K	6364-JK-4_001_S1_L 005		Cultivated in UK (Native to East Asia)		<i>Diospyros_lotus_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros mollis</i>	Meeprom	100	CA		K	6364-JK-4_002_S1_L 005		Thailand		<i>Diospyros_mollis_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros kerrii</i>	Meeprom	172	CA		K	6364-JK-4_010_S1_L 005		Thailand		<i>Diospyros_kerrii_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros hayatae</i>	Meeprom	149B	CA		K	6364-JK-4_016_S1_L 005		Vietnam		<i>Diospyros_hayatae_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros siamensis</i>	Meeprom	157	CA		K	6364-JK-4_017_S1_L 005		Thailand		<i>Diospyros_siamensis_NM</i>				Collaboration

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<i>Diospyros variegata</i>	Meeprom	167	CA		K	6364-JK-4_018_S1_L005		Thailand		<i>Diospyros_v ariegata_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros gracilis</i>	Meeprom	159	CA		K	6364-JK-4_020_S1_L005		Thailand		<i>Diospyros_ gracilis_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros glandulosa</i>	Meeprom	163	CA		K	6364-JK-4_023_S1_L005		Thailand		<i>Diospyros_ glandulosa_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros ferrea</i>	Meeprom	166	CA		K	6364-JK-4_041_S1_L005		Thailand		<i>Diospyros_ ferrea_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros neuvoguine ensis</i>	Kanis, A.	1048	NG		K	7533-JK-2_019_S1_L005		New Guinea/Papua Newguinea		<i>Diospyros_ neuvoguine ensis_NM</i>				Collaboration
<i>Diospyros tricolor</i>	Bayor	WP078	WA		K	7533-JK-2_021_S1_L005		Ghana		<i>Diospyros_ t ricolor_NM</i>				Collaboration
Dipterocarpaceae														
<i>Hopea sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR086	IN	SD		MSF46		Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad	03-Sep-22	<i>Hopea_sp_ MSF46</i>	WGS	3.14	2.13	MSF46 Sample was misidentified at collection
Lauraceae														
<i>Actinodaph ne angustifolia</i>	Meebold	9590	IN	H	E	MAct08	E00068676	Gersoppa (Jog) Falls Maisor	April or October 1908	MAct08	LP	5.8	2.09	MAct08
<i>Actinodaph ne malabarica</i>	F M Jarrett, C J Saldanha and T P Ramamoort hy	812	IN	H	E	MAct09	E00068692	Near Hullahali	October 6 1970	MAct09	WGS	1.125	1.97	MAct09
<i>Cinnamomu m wightii</i>	H F Cleghorn and sq M D		IN	H	E	MCin15	E00850290	Nilgiri Hills	1855	MCin15	LP	4.305	1.93	MCin15
<i>Cinnamomu m sulphuratu m</i>	T P Ramamoort hy	HFP 1558	IN	H	E	MCin16	E00850289	Banagere	April 14 1971	MCin16	WGS	0.079	1.75	MCin16
<i>Litsea floribunda</i>	T P Ramamoort hy	1765	IN	H	E	MLit05	E00850296	Bannuhalla, Hassan District	June 5 1971	MLit05	WGS	0.178	1.7	MLit05
<i>Litsea laevigata</i>	Robert Wight	712	IN	H	E	MLit18	E00850297	Courtallam	August 1835	MLit18	LP	7.12	2.02	MLit18
<i>Actinodaph ne sp</i>	Kostermans	25810	IN	H	E	MAct11	E00068715	Between Godalur and Pandalur, Nilgiris	October 25 1974	MAct11	WGS	0.164	2.18	MAct11
<i>Apollonias arnottii</i>	Robert Wight	710	IN	H	E	MApo20	E00850292	Courtallam	August 1835	MApo20	WGS	0.443	0.95	MApo20
<i>Neolitsea scrobiculata</i>	Kostermans	25822	IN	H	E	MNeo02	E00850300	Anaimalais, Kariay Sholas	October 29 1974	MNeo02	WGS	0.533	4.61	MNeo02
<i>Cinnamomu m zeylanicum</i>			IN	H	E	MCin17	E00850291	Avalanche	March 26 1889	MCin17	WGS	2.6	1.78	MCin17

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	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR047	IN	SD		MSF39		Bhavani Range, Silent Valley National Park	23/08/2022	MSF39	WGS	2.1	2.24	MSF39
<i>Neolitsea oblonga</i>	Robert Wight	856	IN	H	E	MNeo01	E00850299	Courtallam	February 1836	<i>Neolitsea_oblonga_MNeo01</i>	LP	4.295	1.95	MNeo01
<i>Actinodaphne hookeri</i>			IN	H	E	MAct10	E00850286	Mahabaleshwar	Aprill 1853	<i>Actinodaphne_hookeri_MAct10</i>	WGS	1.73	1.74	MAct10
<i>Alseodaphne semicarpifolia</i>		858, 143/18	IN	H	E	MAIs12	E00850285	Courtallam	1836	<i>Alseodaphne_semicarpifolia_MAIs12</i>	WGS	1.54	1.4	MAIs12
<i>Cinnamomum iners</i>		718	IN	H	E	MCin13	E00850287	Courtallam	August 1835	<i>Cinnamomum_iners_MCin13</i>	WGS	1.064	3.17	MCin13
<i>Cinnamomum macrocarpum</i>	Kostermans	24532	IN	H	E	MCin14	E00850288	Nilgiris near Pykara, Shola forest on laterite	April 3 1973	<i>Cinnamomum_macrocarpum_MCin14</i>	WGS	2.95	2.26	MCin14
<i>Litsea coriacea</i>	Robert Wight	881	IN	H	E	MLit04	E00850293	Quilon (Kollam)	October 1835	<i>Litsea_coriacea_MLit04</i>	WGS	2.55	1.93	MLit04
<i>Litsea glabrata</i>	Meebold	9132	IN	H	E	MLit06	E00850295	Kuhully, Bababudan Hills	1907 November	<i>Litsea_glabrata_MLit06</i>	LP	23.05	1.92	MLit06
<i>Litsea deccanensis</i>	C J Saldanha	17936	IN	H	E	MLit07	E00850294	Achihalli, Hassan District	September 16 1969	<i>Litsea_deccanensis_MLit07</i>	WGS	0.932	3.3	MLit07
<i>Litsea lingustrina</i>	Robert Wight	763	IN	H	E	MLit19	E00850298	Courtallam	September 1835	<i>Litsea_lingustrina_MLit19</i>	WGS	1.555	1.64	MLit19
<i>Neolitsea zeylanica</i>	Robert Wight	2225/2804	IN	H	E	MNeo03	E00850301	Pulney Mountains	September 1835	<i>Neolitsea_zeylanica_MNeo03</i>	WGS	2.37	1.9	MNeo03
<i>Cinnamomum malabratrum</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR011	IN	SD		MSF4		Suntikoppa, Madikeri	16/08/2022	<i>Cinnamomum_sp_MSf4</i>	WGS	3.6	2.17	MSF4
<i>Cinnamomum sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR022	IN	SD		MSF6		Somwarpet, Madikeri	18/08/2022	<i>Cinnamomum_sp_MSf6</i>	WGS	15.2	2.14	MSF6
<i>Cinnamomum sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR077	IN	SD		MSF26		Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad	03/09/2022	<i>Cinnamomum_sp_MSf26</i>	WGS	8.5	2.2	MSF26
<i>Cinnamomum malabratrum</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR056	IN	SD		MSF31		Kottebetta, Madhapura Range, Somwarpet	01/09/2022	<i>Cinnamomum_malabratrum_MSf31</i>	WGS	5.06	2.07	MSF31

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<i>Cinnamomum zeylanicum</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR055	IN	SD		MSF32		Kottebetta, Madhapura Range, Somwarpet	01/09/2022	<i>Cinnamomum_sp_MS F32</i>	WGS	7.36	2.16	MSF32	
<i>Persea macarantha</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR092	IN	SD		MSF47			03/09/2022	<i>Persea macarantha_MS F47</i>	WGS	1.1	2.26	MSF47	
<i>Litsea sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR041	IN	SD		MSF24		Bhavani Range, Silent Valley National Park	23/08/2022	<i>Litsea_sp_MS F24</i>	WGS	1.44	2.15	MSF24	
Sapotaceae															
T P															
<i>Isonandra stocksii</i>	Ramamoorthy		IN	H	E	MSap02	E00325123	Hassan District	April 14 1971	MSap02	WGS	0.05	1.41	MSap02	Extracted twice
<i>Madhuca neriifolia</i>	Captain R H Beddome		IN	H	E	MSap05	E00277964	Anamallai Hills	1859	MSap05	WGS	1.29	2.12	MSap05	Extracted twice
<i>Madhuca diplostemon</i>	Robert Wight	583	IN	H	E	MSap06	E00277959	Quilon (Kollam)	December 1835	MSap06	LP	3.47	1.77	MSap06	Extracted twice
<i>Mimusops elengi</i>	Robert Wight	586	IN	H	E	MSap07	E00277903	Quilon (Kollam)	September 1836	MSap07	WGS	1.96	1.82	MSap07	Extracted twice
<i>Palaquium ellipticum</i>	Dr Drew		IN	H	E	MSap08	E00277819	Wynaad (Wayanad) Gutta		MSap08	WGS	0.485	1.01	MSap08	Extracted twice
<i>Madhuca longifolia</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR095	IN	SD		MSF50		Karnataka	31-Aug-22	MSF50	WGS	1.45	2.19	MSF50	
<i>Isonandra villosa</i>	Robert Wight	2147	IN	H	E	MSap01	E00179153	Peninsular India Orientalis	1837	<i>Isonandra_villosa_MSa p01</i>	LP	5.15	2.17	MSap01	Extracted twice
<i>Isonandra perottetiana</i>			IN	H	E	MSap03	E00325138	Sispara Ghat	January 13 1889	<i>Isonandra_perottetian an_MSap03</i>	LP	4.01	1.92	MSap03	Extracted twice
<i>Isonandra lanceolata</i>	Robert Wight	482	IN	H	E	MSap04	E00179150	Courtallam	August 1835	<i>Isonandra_l anceolata_MSap04</i>	WGS	1.735	1.79	MSap04	Extracted twice
<i>Madhuca sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR057	IN	SD		MSF45		Madapura Range, Somwarpet, Madikeri District	01-Sep-22	<i>Madhuca_s p_MS F45</i>	WGS	4.18	2.19	MSF45	
<i>Mimusops elengi</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR093	IN	SD		MSF48		Karnataka	31-Aug-22	<i>Mimusops_ elengi_MS F48</i>	WGS	9.28	2.21	MSF48	
Zingiberaceae															
<i>Boesenbergia pulcherrima</i>	C J Saldanha	14438	IN	H	E	MBoe06	E00389693	Kempuhole Shiradi Ghat	August 7 1969	MBoe06	WGS	1.67	1.56	MBoe06	
<i>Globba sessiflora</i>	Robert Wight		IN	H	E	MGob07	E00097423	Peninsular India Orientalis		MGob07	WGS	1.419	2.3	MGob07	

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<i>Heydychium spicatum</i>	H F Cleghorn and sq M D		IN	H	E	MHey09	E00531010	Ootacamund	1850	MHey09	WGS	2.88	2.06	MHey09
<i>Heydychium sp</i>	K M Matthew, M Charles and N Rajendren	46992	IN	H	E	MHey10	E00031899	Anna Pulney Hills, Between Perumalmalai and Vedakavunchi	September 23 1986	MHey10	WGS	0.179	1.7	MHey10
<i>Heydychium coronarium</i>	K M Matthew Robert	14818	IN	H	E	MHey11	E00211114	Dolphin's Hole Kodaikanal	August 16 1975	MHey11	LP	5.025	2	MHey11
<i>Zingiber sp</i>	Robert Wight	937	IN	H	E	MZin01	E00389858	Courtallam	September 1835	MZin01	WGS	6.915	1.95	MZin01
<i>Zingiber sp</i>	Robert Wight	1060	IN	H	E	MZin02	E00389854	Peninsular India Orientalis	June 1835	MZin02	WGS	2.56	2	MZin02
<i>Zingiber neesatum</i>	C J Saldanha	17937	IN	H	E	MZin03	E00389839	Achihalli, Hassan District	October 16 1969	MZin03	WGS	0.2	2.59	MZin03
<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	H F Cleghorn and sq M D		IN	H	E	MZin04	E00389845	Anamally	1859	MZin04	WGS	1.01	2.36	MZin04
<i>Globba marantina</i>	Robert Wight	1072	IN	H	E	MGob08	E00095793	Malabar	June 1836	<i>Globba_marantina_MGob08</i>	WGS	1.735	1.67	MGob08
<i>Heydychium flavescens</i>	Robert Wight	3050	IN	H	E	MHey12	E00507925	Pulney Mountains	September 1836	<i>Heydychium_flavescens_MHey12</i>	WGS	1.325	1.85	MHey12
<i>Zingiber cylandricum</i>	Meebold	9085	IN	H	E	MZin05	E00389824	Castle Rock, Concan (Konkan)	1908 October	<i>Zingiber_cylandricum_MZin05</i>	WGS	0.947	1.91	MZin05
<i>Heydychium</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR003	IN	SD		MSF2		Madikeri, Coorg	08-Aug-22	<i>Heydychium_villosum_MS F2</i>	WGS	8.54	2.15	MSF2
<i>Cucurma sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR024	IN	SD		MSF7		Shanthahalli, Devarkadu, Somwarpet	18-Aug-22	<i>Cucurma_s p_MS F7</i>	WGS	18.08	2.15	MSF7
<i>Globba sessiliflora</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR039	IN	SD		MSF21		Mannarkkad, Bhavani Range, Silent Valley National Park	22-Aug-22	<i>Globba_ses siliflora_MS F21</i>	WGS	10.8	2.16	MSF21
<i>Amomum sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR025	IN	SD		MSF23		Shanthahalli, Devarkadu, Somwarpet	18-Aug-22	<i>Amomum_s p_MS F23</i>	WGS	20.4	2.16	MSF23

Taxon Name	Collector Name(s)	Collecto Number	Country	Materi al Type	Herba rium	User DNA ID	Herbarium Barcode	Location	Collection Date	Sample name in phylogeny	Lab Protoc ol	Qubit ng/μL	Nano Drop ng/μL	Notes
<i>Alpinia sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR044	IN	SD		MSF25		Panthanthe, Bhavani Range, Silent Valley National Park	23-Aug-22	<i>Alpinia_sp_MS F25</i>	WGS	4.66	2.22	MSF25
<i>Elettaria cardamomum</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR058	IN	SD		MSF29		Sirangalli, On the way to Kooti Betta, Madapura Range, Somwarpet	01-Sep-22	<i>Elettaria_c ardamomu m_MS F29</i>	WGS	8.22	2	MSF29
<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR089	IN	SD		MSF34		Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad	03-Sep-22	<i>Zingiber_of ficinale_MS F34</i>	WGS	3.46	2.14	MSF34
<i>Zingiber sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR072	IN	SD		MSF35		Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad	03-Sep-22	<i>Zingiber_ni mmonii_MS F35</i>	WGS	4.38	2.13	MSF35
<i>Cucurma sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR091	IN	SD		MSF36		Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad	03-Sep-22	<i>Cucurma_s p_MS F36</i>	WGS	18.1	2.11	MSF36
<i>Zingiber sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR059	IN	SD		MSF38		On the way to Kooti Betta, Madhapura Range, Somwarpet	01-Sep-22	<i>Zingiber_sp _MS F38</i>	WGS	28.8	2.14	MSF38
<i>Globba sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR087	IN	SD		MSF40		Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad	03-Sep-22	<i>Globba_bul bifer_a_MS F40</i>	WGS	16.4	2.07	MSF40
<i>Zingiber sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR088	IN	SD		MSF42		Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad	03-Sep-22	<i>Zingiber_sp _MS F42</i>	WGS	45.6	2.12	MSF42
<i>Alpinia sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR042	IN	SD		MSF43		Panthanthe, Bhavani Range, Silent Valley National Park	23-Aug-22	<i>Alpinia_sp_ MS F43</i>	WGS	6.42	2.13	MSF43
<i>Cucurma sp</i>	Madhavi Sreenath	MASR090	IN	SD		MSF44		Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad	03-Sep-22	<i>Cucurma_s p_MS F44</i>	WGS	17.36	2.19	MSF44

Table A.1: Specimen list. Taxa highlighted in pink are not in the final phylogenies due to a failure to sequence, lack of viable data or being replicates. Codes: IN – India, SL – Sri Lanka, CA – Continental Asia, AU – Australia, NG – New Guinea, WA – West Africa, H – Herbarium, F – Fresh, SD – Silica Dried, E – RBGE, K – Kew, C – CUBG, WGS – Library preparation and Whole Genome Sequencing with a company, LP - In house library preparation prior to WGS with a company.

A.2 Checklist of WG Flora

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A.3 Wet Lab

A.3.1 Altered Qiagen DNeasy Extraction Protocol

1. To a mixer mill tube add approximately 5g of leaf material and two mixer mill beads. Make three additional replicates for each sample. Store at -20°C overnight (minimum an hour). Grind to a fine powder using a Thermo Fischer MM 400 Mixer Mill for two one-minute rounds. Add additional time based on necessity. Alternatively grind using liquid nitrogen and mortar and pestle.
2. Place DNeasy Buffer AP1 in 65°C water bath to dissolve precipitate.
3. Add 800µL of Buffer AP1 to each tube of ground material from step one.
4. Incubate the tubes for an hour at 65°C in a Thermomixer set to 800rpm. Tubes must be agitated constantly.
5. Remove samples from the thermomixer and add 260µL of DNeasy Buffer P3 to the lysate mix and incubate for 30 minutes at -20°C.
6. Centrifuge the lysate for 5 minutes at 13,000 rpm
7. Pipette the lysate mixture into the lilac coloured QIAshredder Mini spin column with 2ml collection tubes and spin for 2 minutes at 13,000 rpm.
8. Transfer the flow through fraction from step 7 into a 15ml falcon tube without disturbing the cell debris pellet at the bottom. Set aside mixer mill tubes with debris to remove and clean mixer mill beads.
9. Combine the replicate tubes for each sample in the falcon tubes.
10. Add 1.5 times the volume of the flow-through of DNeasy Buffer AW1 to the lysate and mix by pipetting. You should be able to see the precipitate. Using the same pipette transfer 650µL of the mixture including the precipitate into the white DNeasy mini spin columns with a 2ml collection tube.
11. Centrifuge for 1 minute at 8000 rpm and discard flow-through in the appropriate waste bottle. Re-use the collection tube from step 10.
12. Repeat steps 10 and 11 until there is no lysate mixture remaining in the falcon tubes. Your DNA will be on the white filter at the bottom of the spin column. Do not discard the columns.
13. Place the columns in a new 2ml collection tube, add 500µL of Buffer AW2 and centrifuge for 1 minute at 8000 rpm. Discard the flow-through in the appropriate waste bottle and reuse the collection tubes for the next step.
14. Add another 500µL Buffer of AW2 to the white Buffer mini spin column and spin for one minute at 8000 rpm. Discard the flow-through and centrifuge again to catch any remaining liquid in the spin column. Discard flow-through and the collection tube.
15. Transfer the spin column to a new 1.5ml micro-centrifuge collection tube and apply 35µL of 0.1xTE solution directly onto the filter. Incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature and then spin one minute at 8000 rpm to elute.

16. To the same spin column with the same collection tube from step 15 add another 30µL of 0.1xTE solution. Incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature and then spin for one minute at 8000 rpm to elute.
17. The 65µL of DNA can now be stored at -20°C.

A.4 Bioinformatics

A.4.1 Plastid Region Miner Script

Based on Legacy Miner Pipeline (unpublished, Wilson 2020).

Script

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=PRM
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=16
#SBATCH --mem=32G
#SBATCH --output=PRM.%j.out
#SBATCH --error=PRM.%j.err
#SBATCH --partition=long

# *****
#  Plastid Region Miner (PRM) *
#    Madhavi Sreenath      *
# *****

#Complete path and set configuration for selected location
    echo -e "\nPlastid Region Miner is running on Gruffalo...\n"

# Load settings from settingsmal.cfg (stored in home directory)
. ~/path/to/directory/settings.cfg
cat ~/path/to/directory/settings.cfg

#Make and enter a working directory for the job
mkdir ~/path/to/directory/$SLURM_JOBID
cd ~/path/to/directory/$SLURM_JOBID

# Copy files from data repository
cp $data/*fq.gz .
cp $Ref .
cp $data/SamplesFileNames.txt .

#Add LF at the end of last line in SamplesFileNames.txt if missing
sed -i.bak '$a\' SamplesFileNames.txt

#Delete empty lines from SamplesFileNames.txt (if any)
sed -i.bak2 '/^$/d' SamplesFileNames.txt

#Build bowtie index
bowtie2-build $Ref RefIndex

if [[ $trimmed =~ "yes" ]]; then
```

```

echo -e "\nReads trimmed using trimmomatic..."
numberfiles=$(cat SamplesFileNames.txt | wc -l)
calculating=0
for file in $(cat SamplesFileNames.txt) #A loop to process all samples as specified in
SamplesFileNames.txt
  do calculating=$((calculating + 1))
    echo -e "\nProcessing sample $file ($calculating out of $numberfiles)"
    #Trim raw reads
    java -jar /path/to/package/trimmomatic-0.39-1/share/trimmomatic-0.39-
1/trimmomatic.jar PE -phred33 ${file}_R1.fq.gz ${file}_R2.fq.gz ${file}_forward_paired.fq.gz
${file}_forward_unpaired.fq.gz ${file}_reverse_paired.fq.gz ${file}_reverse_unpaired.fq.gz
ILLUMINA_CLIP:$adapterfile:2:30:10 LEADING:3 TRAILING:3 SLIDINGWINDOW:4:15
MINLEN:36 >Trimmomatic.log 2>&1
    #Map raw reads to reference using bowtie2
    bowtie2 --local --score-min G,10,8 -x RefIndex -1 ${file}_forward_paired.fq.gz
-2 ${file}_reverse_paired.fq.gz -U
${file}_forward_unpaired.fq.gz,${file}_reverse_unpaired.fq.gz -S Trimmed_${file}_to_ref.sam
2>Trimmed_${file}_bowtie_out
    #Identify how many of these reads were mapped
    head Trimmed_${file}_bowtie_out
    #Check the @s in header
    head Trimmed_${file}_to_ref.sam
    #Remove unmapped reads to reduce size of the file
    samtools view -h -F 4 -b Trimmed_${file}_to_ref.sam >
MappedTrimmed_${file}.bam
    #Sort the bam file
    samtools sort MappedTrimmed_${file}.bam > Sorted_${file}.bam
    #Index the bam file
    samtools index Sorted_${file}.bam Sorted_${file}.bai
    echo "Remove soft clip annotations with python..."
    #Change CIGAR string annotations of soft clipped reads to matches/mismatches
and recalculate CIGAR string qualifier numbers
    python $Soft Sorted_${file}.bam

  done

else
  echo -e "\nReads not trimmed..."
  numberfiles=$(cat SamplesFileNames.txt | wc -l) #A loop to process all samples as
specified in SamplesFileNames.txt
  calculating=0
  for file in $(cat SamplesFileNames.txt)
    do calculating=$((calculating + 1))
      echo -e "\nProcessing sample $file ($calculating out of $numberfiles)"
      #Map raw reads to reference using bowtie2
      bowtie2 --local --score-min G,10,8 -x RefIndex -1 ${file}_R1.fq.gz -2
${file}_R2.fq.gz -S Bowtied_${file}.sam 2>Bowtied_${file}_bowtie_out
      #Identify how many of these reads were mapped
      head Bowtied_${file}_bowtie_out
      #Check the @s in header
      head Bowtied_${file}.sam
    done
  done

```

```

        #Remove unmapped reads to reduce size of the file
        samtools view -h -F 4 -b Bowtied_${file}.sam > MappedBowtied_${file}.bam
        #Sort the bam file
        samtools sort MappedBowtied_${file}.bam > Sorted_${file}.bam
        #Index the bam file
        samtools index Sorted_${file}.bam Sorted_${file}.bai
        echo "Remove soft clip annotations with python..."
        #Change CIGAR string annotations of soft clipped reads to
matches/mismatches and recalculate CIGAR string qualifier numbers
        python $Soft Sorted_${file}.bam

    done
fi

#Remove raw files from working directory
rm *.fq.gz

#Rename headings inside fasta files to include name of the file
for i in *.fasta
    do n="${i%.fasta}"
        sed -i.bak "s/>[^_]\+/>$n/" $i
        sed -i.bak "s/_cns <unknown description> //" $i
    done

#Make directory for no soft bam files
mkdir ~/path/to/directory

#Copy all no soft bam files to another directory
cp *_nosoft.bam ~/path/to/directory

echo "\nMove to Geneious pipeline ....\n"

echo "\nPlastid Region Miner for Whole Genome Sequencing part one is complete...\n"
*****

```

Settings File

Setting the stage! - All the world is a stage!!

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#Location of raw data
data=~/path/to/data

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#Location of reference file
Ref=~/path/to/reference/file

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#Location of soft2match python script
Soft=~/path/to/script/soft2match.py

```

```

#trim reads prior to mapping (using trimmomatic)'=yes' or process reads without
trimming '=no'

```

trimmed=no

A.4.2 Concatenation Script

Script

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=CW
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=4
#SBATCH --mem=8G
#SBATCH --output=CW.%j.out
#SBATCH --error=CW.%j.err
#SBATCH --partition=medium

# Concatenation of mapped and assembled genes fastas #
#           Madhavi Sreenath           #

#Load settings
. ~/path/to/directory/settings2.cfg
cat ~/path/to/directory/settings2.cfg

#Copy fastas to current directory
cp $data/*.fasta .

#Make a directory for used files
mkdir Processed

#Build multifasta for each loci and move single seq fastas
cat *_loci1.fasta > loci1.fas
cat *_loci2.fasta > loci2.fas
cat *_loci3.fasta > loci3.fas

#Tidy directory
mv *.fasta Processed

#Copy legacy daata from Legacy
cp $legacy/*.fasta .

#Combine the legacy data and newly generated data
cat loci1.fas New_Mega_loci1.fasta > loci1.fasta
cat loci2.fas New_Mega_loci2.fasta > loci2.fasta
cat loci3.fas New_Mega_loci3.fasta > loci3.fasta

#Tidy directory
```

```

mv *.fas New_Mega_* Processed

#Use MAFFT to align sequences in each loci specific multifasta
cp ~/path/to/directory/loci .
for file in $(cat loci)
    do
        mafft ${file} > aligned_${file}
    done

echo "done"

# remove loci tags from headers so amas can match up samples
sed 's/_loci1//g' aligned_loci1.fasta > clean_aligned_loci1.fas
sed 's/_loci2//g' aligned_loci2.fasta > clean_aligned_loci2.fas
sed 's/_loci3//g' aligned_loci3.fasta > clean_aligned_loci3.fas

#Make working directory for AMAS, move clean alignments to it and move into it
mkdir AMAS
cp clean_aligned_* AMAS/
cd AMAS

#Concatenate gene alignments using AMAS. - output file in fasta format; Note if
there is a specific order of genes for concatenation this order has to be put in place of
*fas
python $AMAS concat -f fasta -d dna -i *fas -u fasta

cp concatenated.out concat.fasta

echo "concatenated gene alignment written to concatenated.fasta"

#Remove "." from sample names
sed 's/./g' concat.fasta

#Delete empty lines
sed '/^$/d' concat.fasta

#Removes line breaks from fasta file
awk '!/^>/ { printf "%s", $0; n = "\n" } /^>/ { print n $0; n = "" } END { printf "%s", n
}' concat.fasta > alignment.fasta

#Replace newline with ' ' if line starts with '>' (i.e., merge headers with data into
single line separated by space)
sed '/^>/{N;s/\n/ /;}' alignment.fasta

```

Settings file

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
#SBATCH --job-name=CW
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=4
#SBATCH --mem=8G
#SBATCH --output=CW.%j.out
#SBATCH --error=CW.%j.err
#SBATCH --partition=medium

#Concatenation of mapped and assembled gene sequences#
#           Madhavi Sreenath           #

#Path to new data
data=~ /path/to/new/data

# path to existing data - multifastas for each loci containing existing data, e.g.
sanger. filename must end '_loci.fasta'
legacy=~ /path/to/legacy/data

# make loci list file
printf 'loci1.fasta\nloci2.fasta\nloci3.fasta' > loci

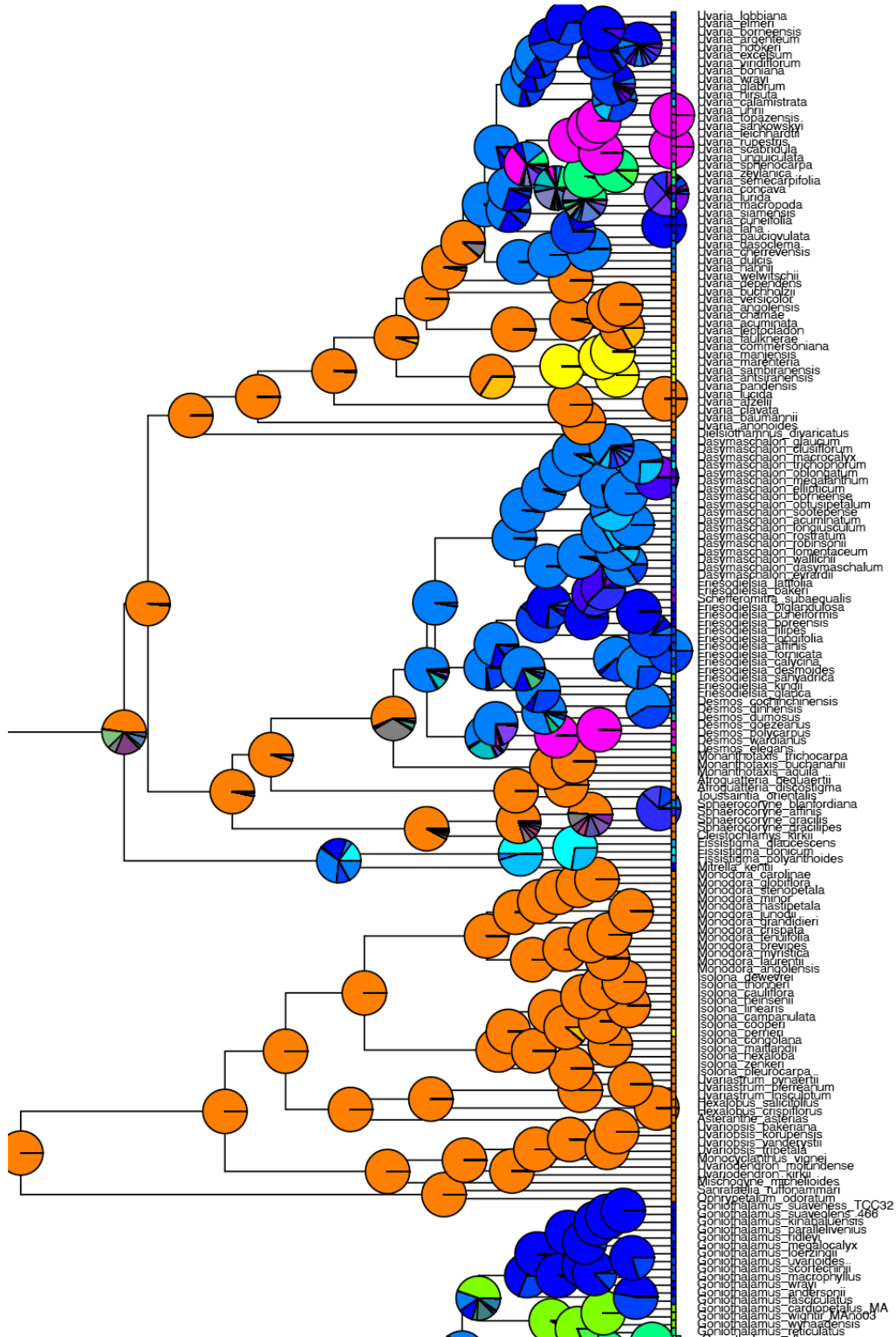
# path to AMAS
AMAS=/path/to/AMAS/amas-1.0-pyh864c0ab_0/site-packages/amas/AMAS.py

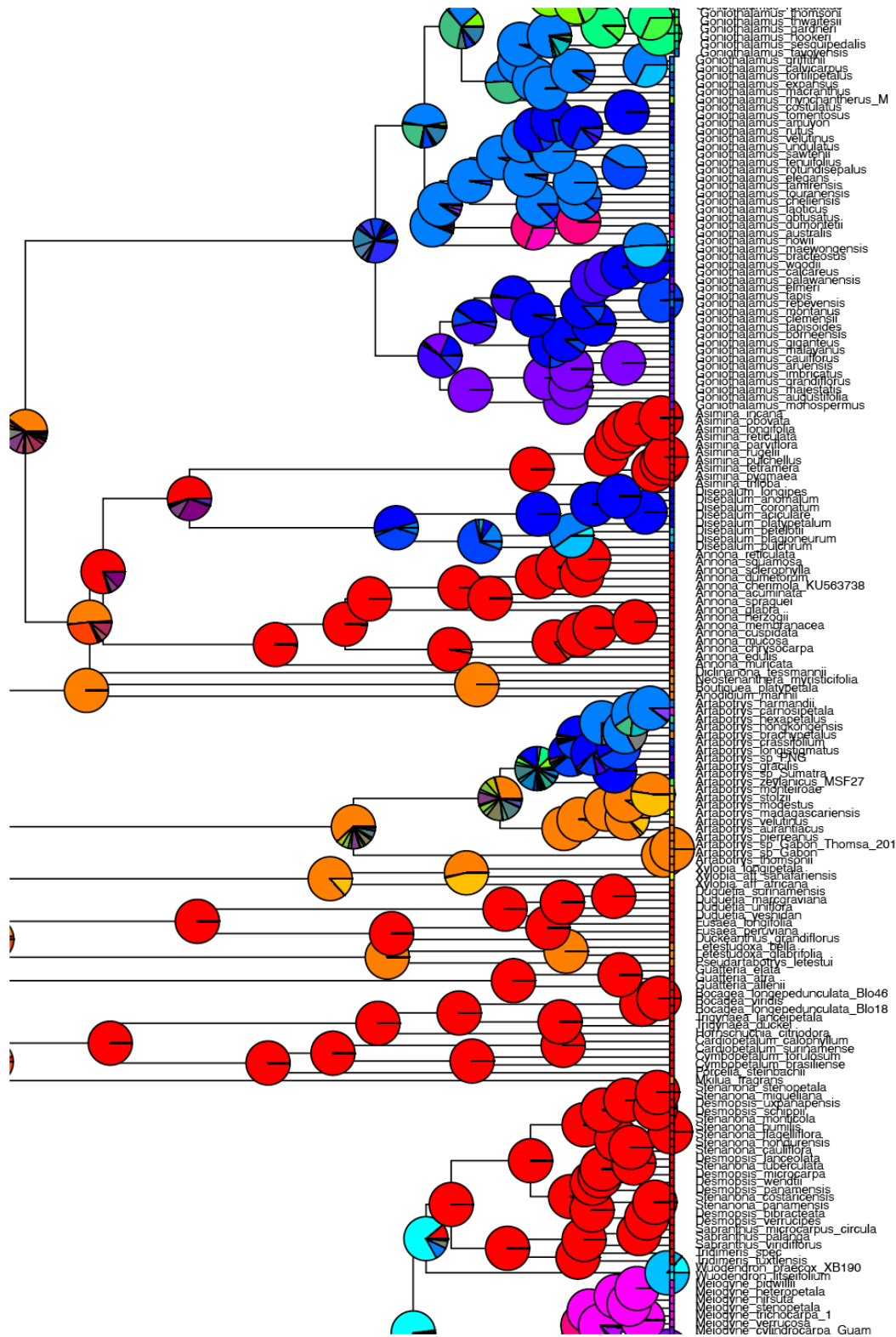
*****
```

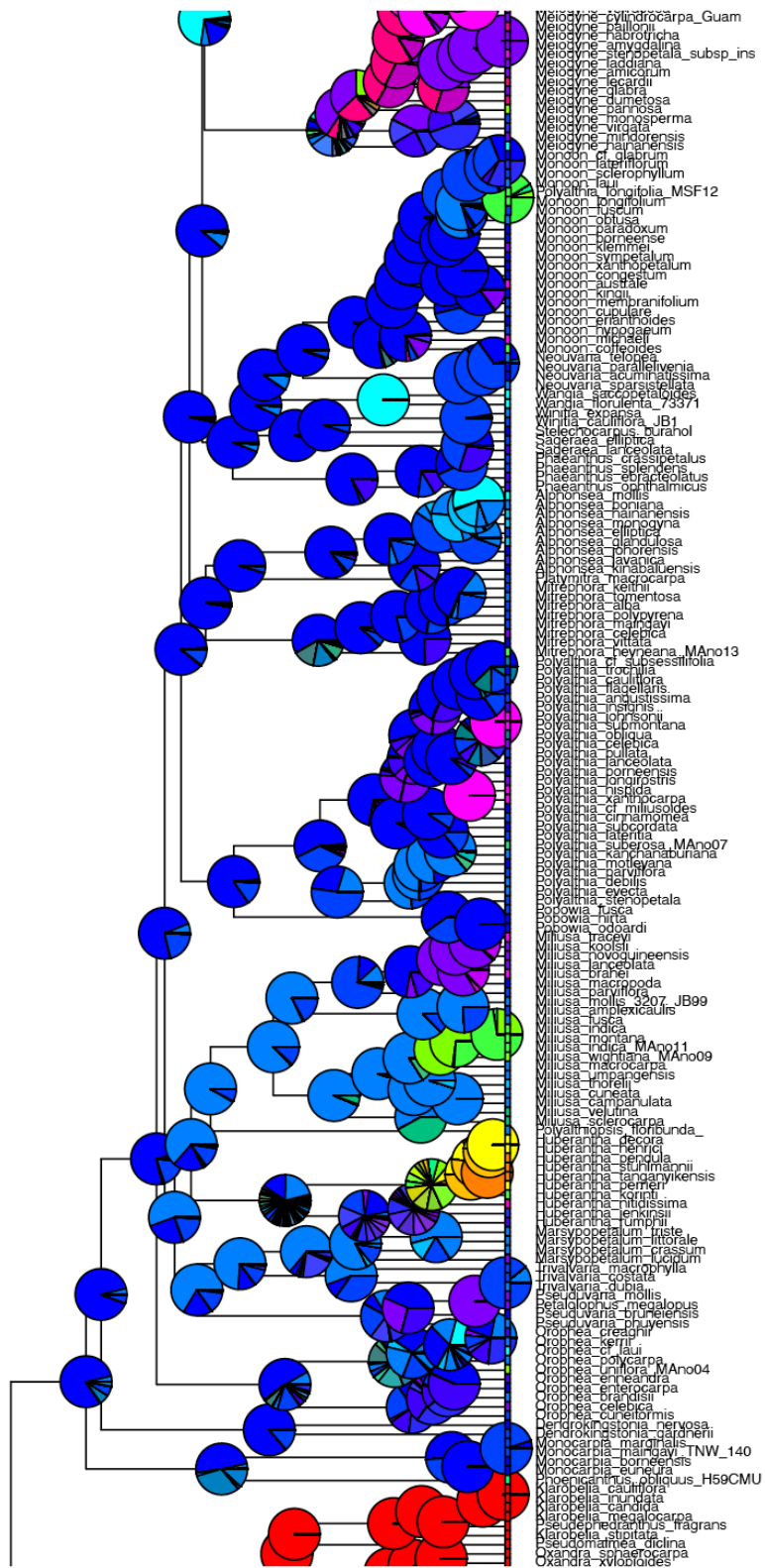
A.5 BioGeoBEARS

A.5.1 *Annonaceae*

DEC+J Reconstruction







Scored Geography

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Miliusa_novoguineensis	000000000100
Miliusa_koolsii	000000000100
Miliusa_traceyi	000000000010
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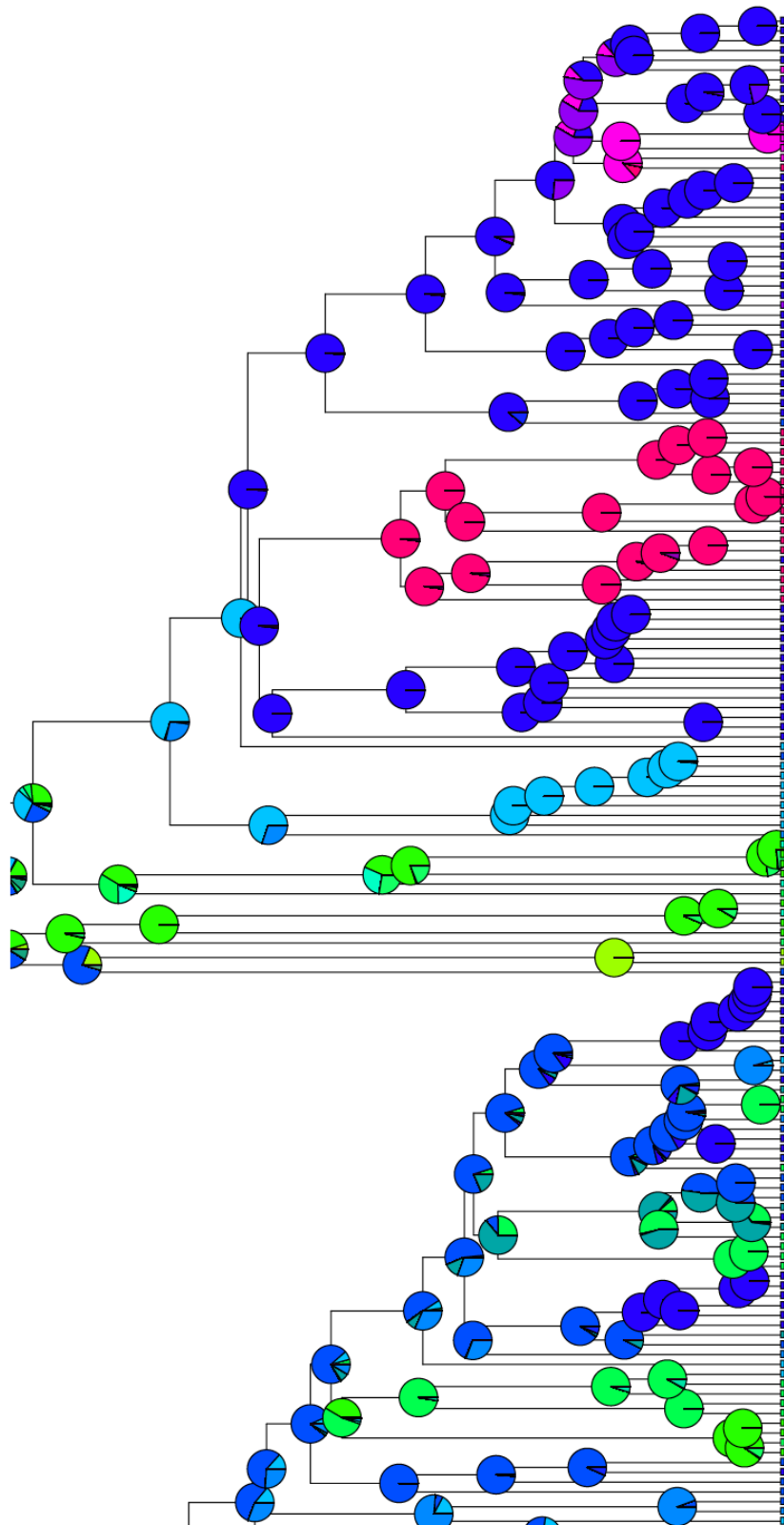
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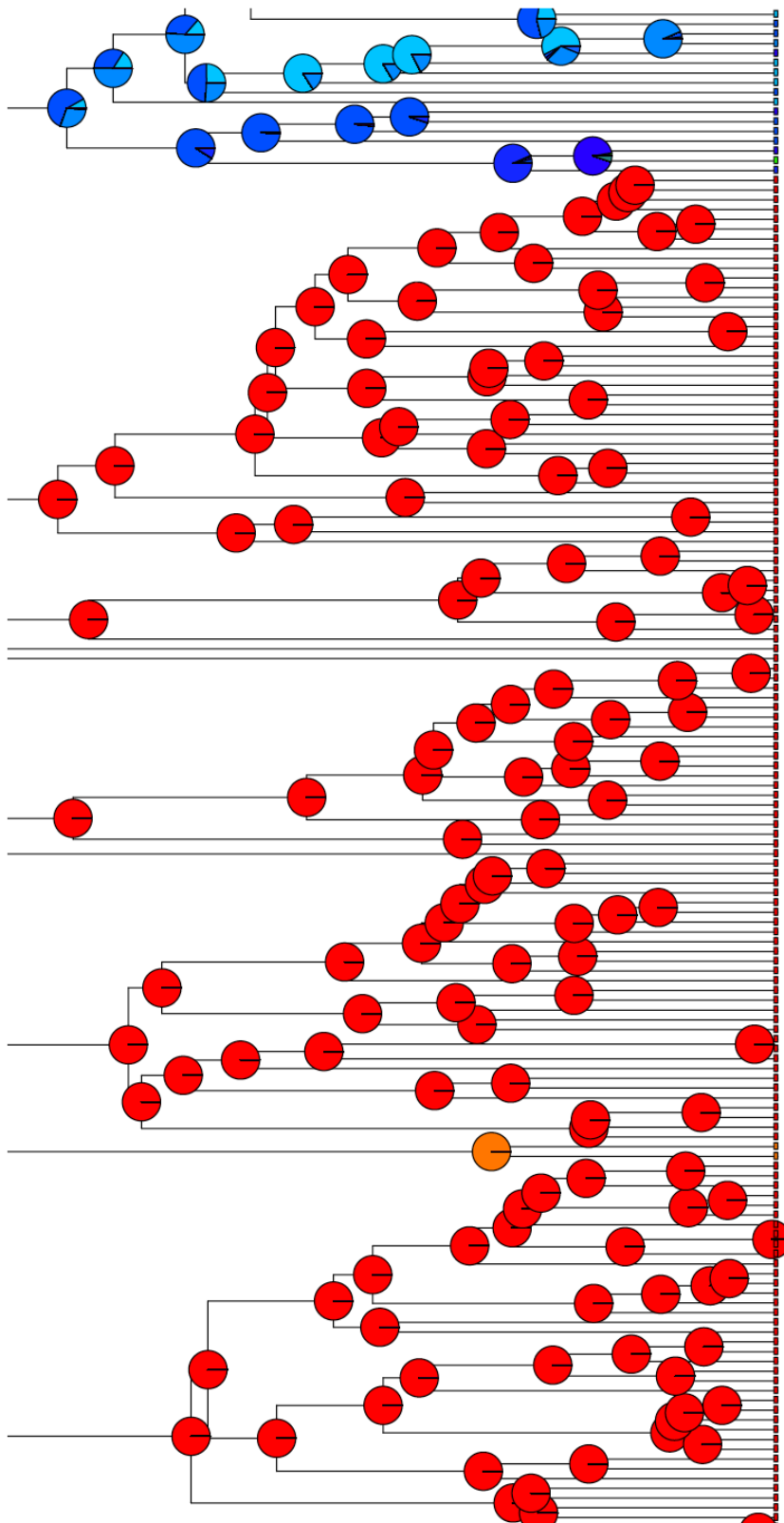
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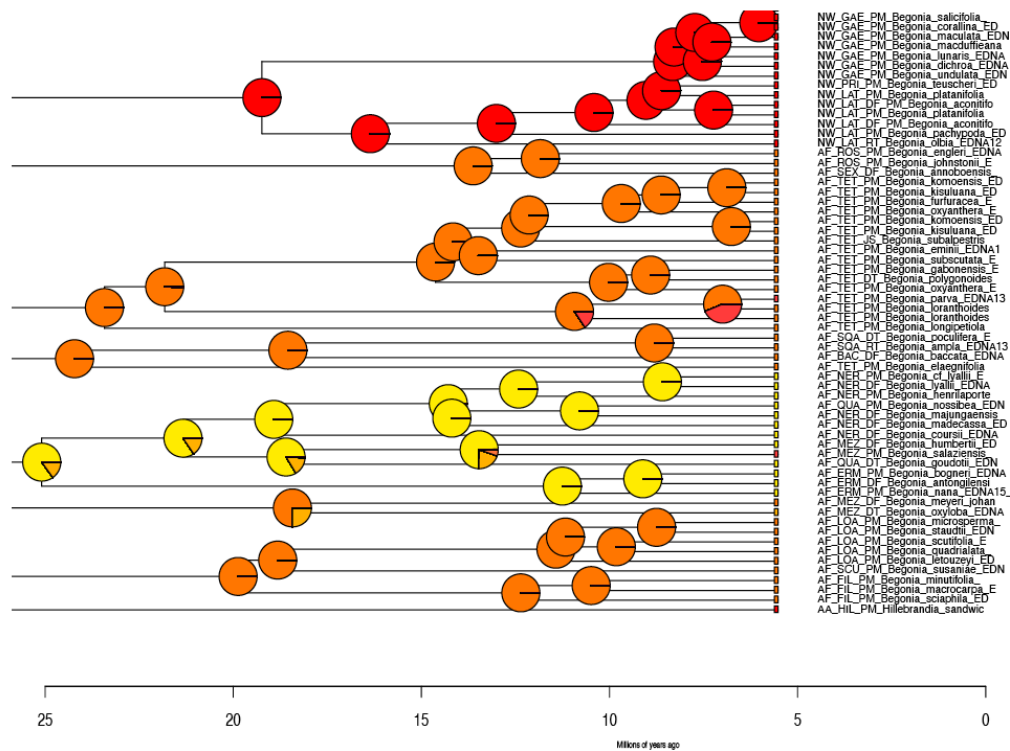


Figure A.2: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Begoniaceae*.

Log Likelihood Values

Model	LnL	numparams	d	e	j	AIC	AIC_wt
DEC	-436.8	2	0.0025	0.0013	0	877.5	3.1e-21
DEC+J	-388.5	3	0.0010	1.0e-12	0.0049	783.1	1.00
DIVALIKE	-402.5	3	0.0011	1.0e-12	0.0056	811	8.8e-07
DIVALIKE+J	-402.5	3	0.0011	1.0e-12	0.0055	811	8.8e-07
BAYAREALIKE	-412.1	3	0.0009	0.0012	0.0056	830.3	5.6e-11
BAYAREALIKE+J	-410.6	3	0.0008	1.0e-12	0.0064	827.1	2.7e-10

Table A.3: Log likelihood values for six biogeographic models run using BioGeoBEARS.

Scored Geography

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A.5.3 Chloranthaceae

DEC+J Reconstruction

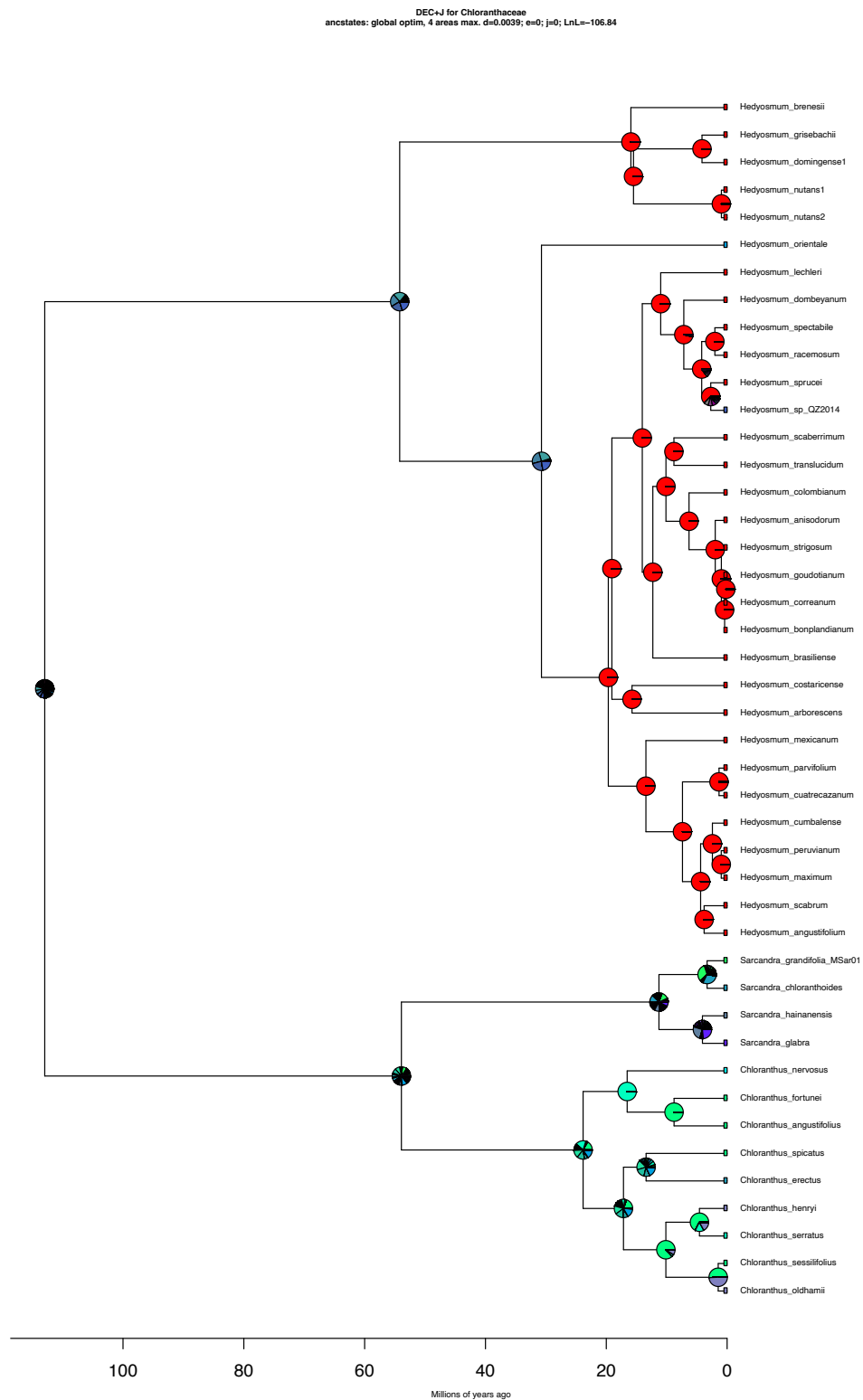


Figure A.3: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Chloranthaceae*.

Log Likelihood Values

Model	LnL	numparams	d	e	j	AIC	AIC_wt
DEC	-106.8	2	0.0039	1.0e-12	0	217.7	0.73
DEC+J	-106.8	3	0.0039	1.0e-12	1.0e-05	219.7	0.27
DIVALIKE	-111.8	3	0.0042	1.0e-12	1.0e-05	229.6	0.0019
DIVALIKE+J	-111.8	3	0.0042	1.6e-09	1.0e-05	229.6	0.0019

Table A.4: Log likelihood values for six biogeographic models run using BioGeoBEARS.

Scored Geography

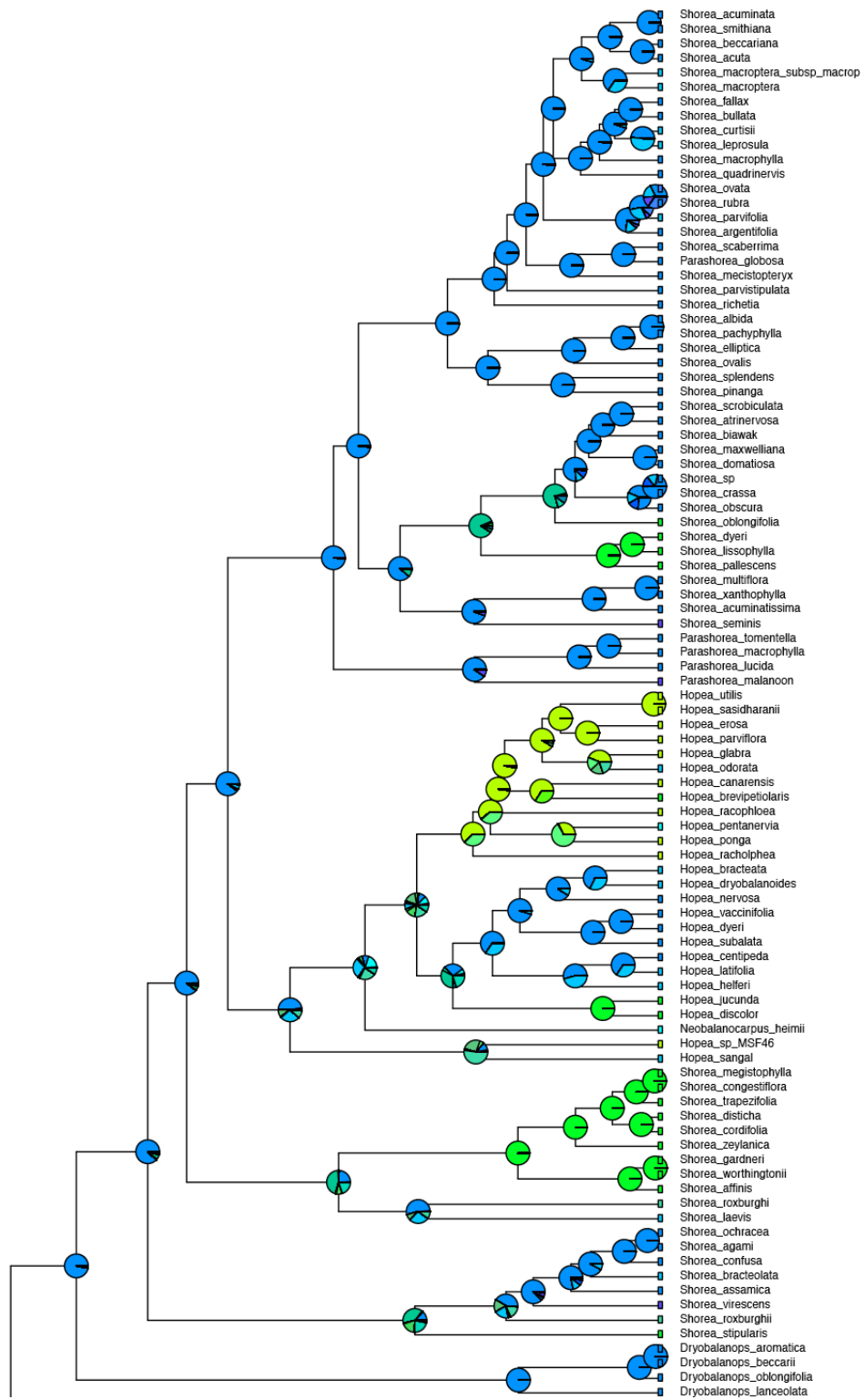
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A.5.4 Dipterocarpaceae

DEC+J Reconstruction



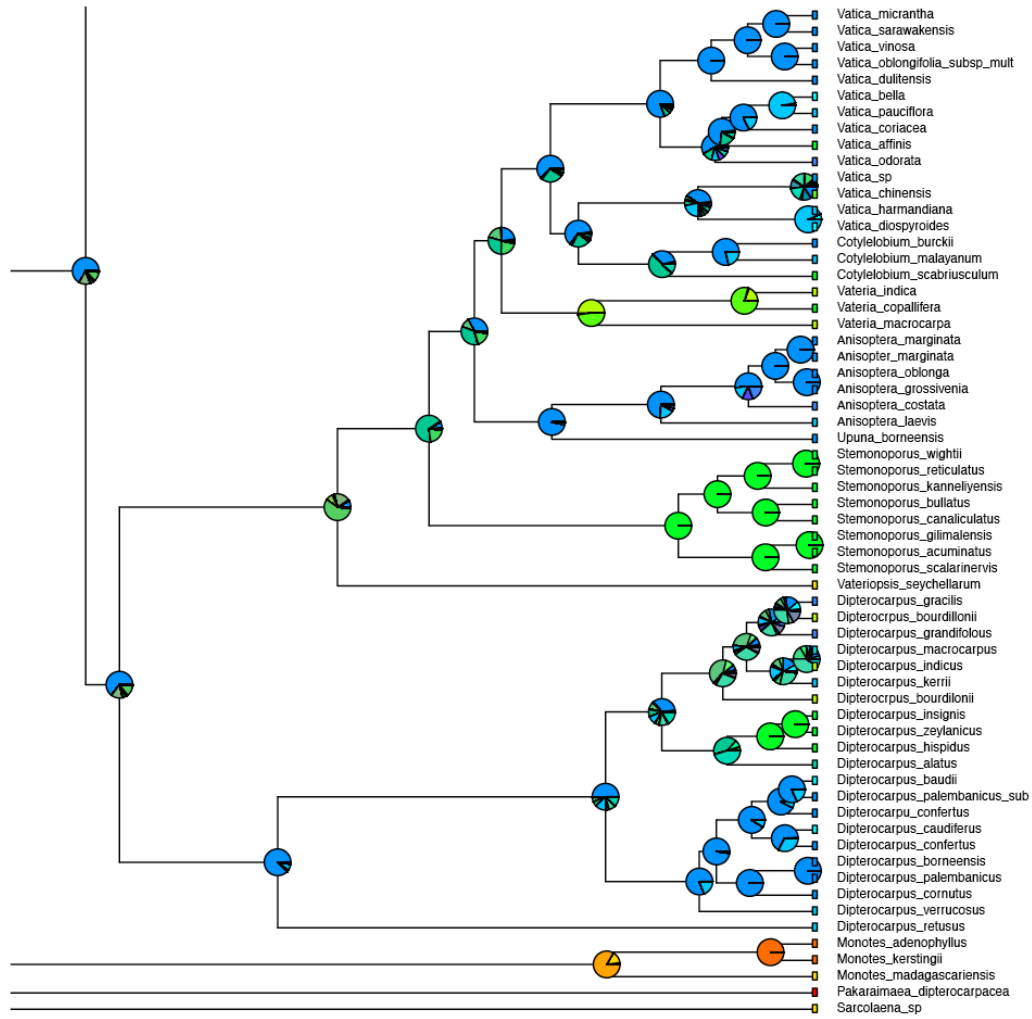


Figure A.4: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Dipterocarpaceae*.

Model	LnL	numpara rams	d	e	j
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DEC+J	- 390.052025 167874	3	0.00103283231 922687	1e-12	0.0034250975 6888097
DIVALIKE	- 399.483569 554207	3	0.00116265590 04792	1.00000042970 774e-12	0.0026309138 3860167
DIVALIKE +J	- 399.483561 43916	3	0.00116255247 37548	2.33531180091 844e-10	0.0026422709 5973346
BAYAREA LIKE	- 372.389821 621515	3	0.00046175458 9035011	0.00590606292 391973	0.0066971218 3229436
BAYAREA LIKE+J	- 372.517996 266652	3	0.00048192539 8008236	0.00613504837 476309	0.0058343427 4109458

Table A.5: Log likelihood values for six biogeographic models run using BioGeoBEARS.

Scored Geography

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
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Monotes_adenophyllus					0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monotes_kerstingii					0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dipterocarpus_retusus					0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dipterocarpus_bourdilonii					0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dipterocarpus_alatus					0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dipterocarpus_hispidus					0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dipterocarpus_insignis					0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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Dipterocarpus_gracilis					0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dipterocarpus_grandifolous					0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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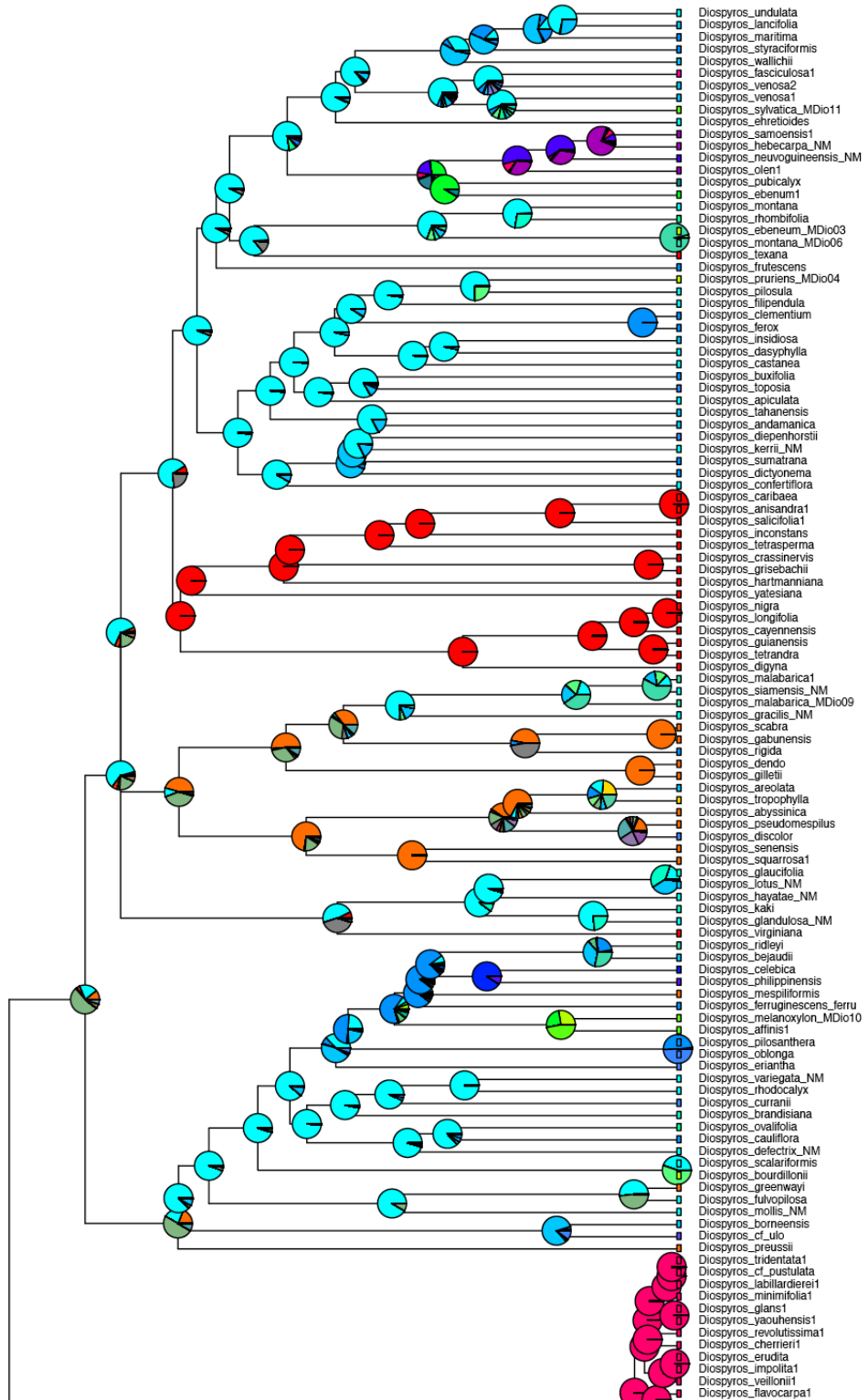
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A.5.5 Ebenaceae

DEC+J Reconstruction



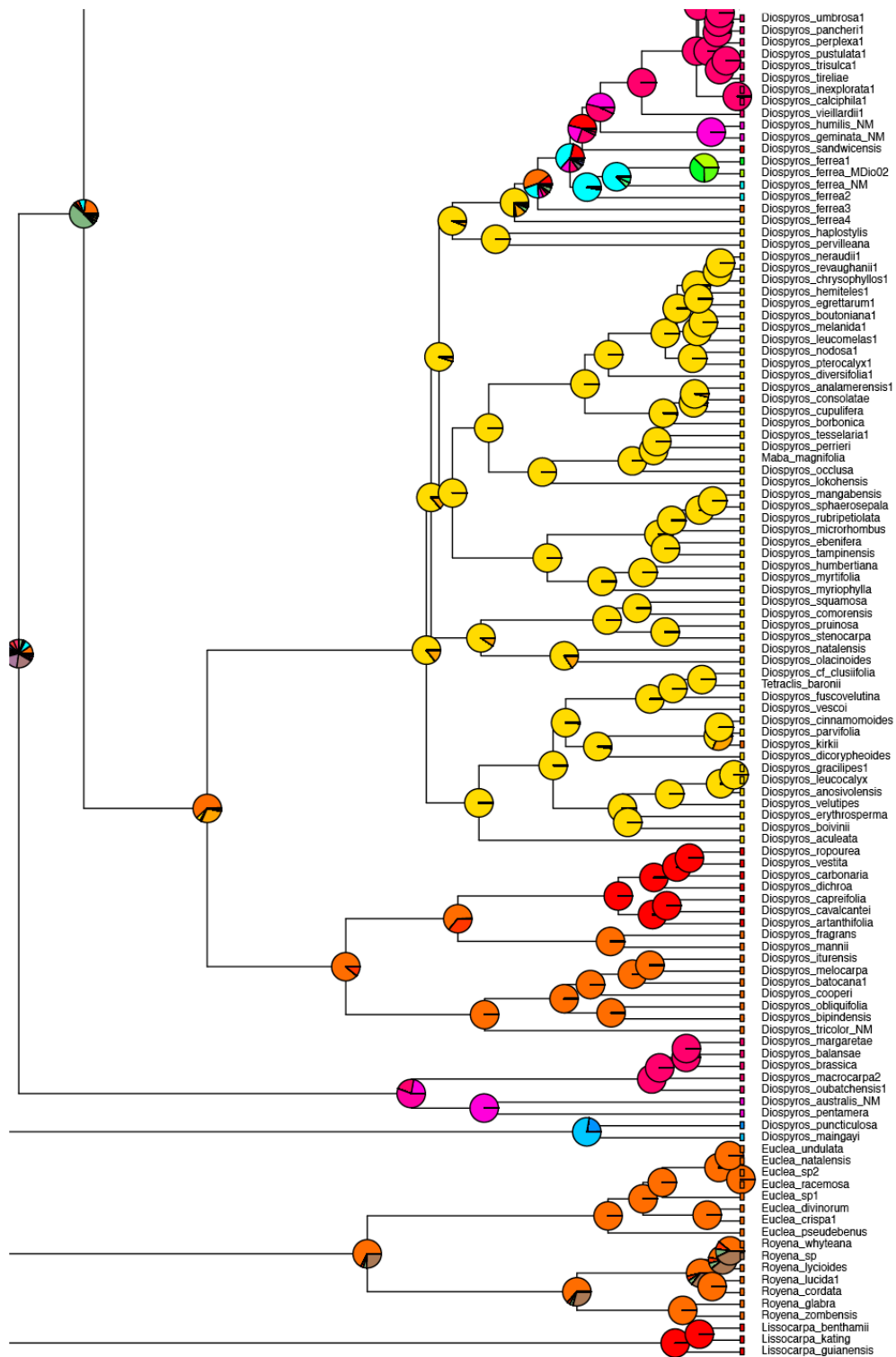


Figure A.5: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Ebenaceae*.

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DEC+J	-518.3	3	0.0011	1.0e-12	0.0058	1043	1.2e-10
DIVALIKE	-534.2	3	0.0014	1.0e-12	0.0044	1074	1.6e-17
DIVALIKE+J	-534.2	3	0.0014	2.7e-10	0.0044	1074	1.6e-17
BAYAREALIKE	-496	3	0.0005	0.0062	0.0075	998	0.62
BAYAREALIKE+J	-496.5	3	0.0005	0.0066	0.0062	999	0.38

Log Likelihood Values

Table A.4: Log likelihood values for six biogeographic models run using BioGeoBEARS.

Scored Geography

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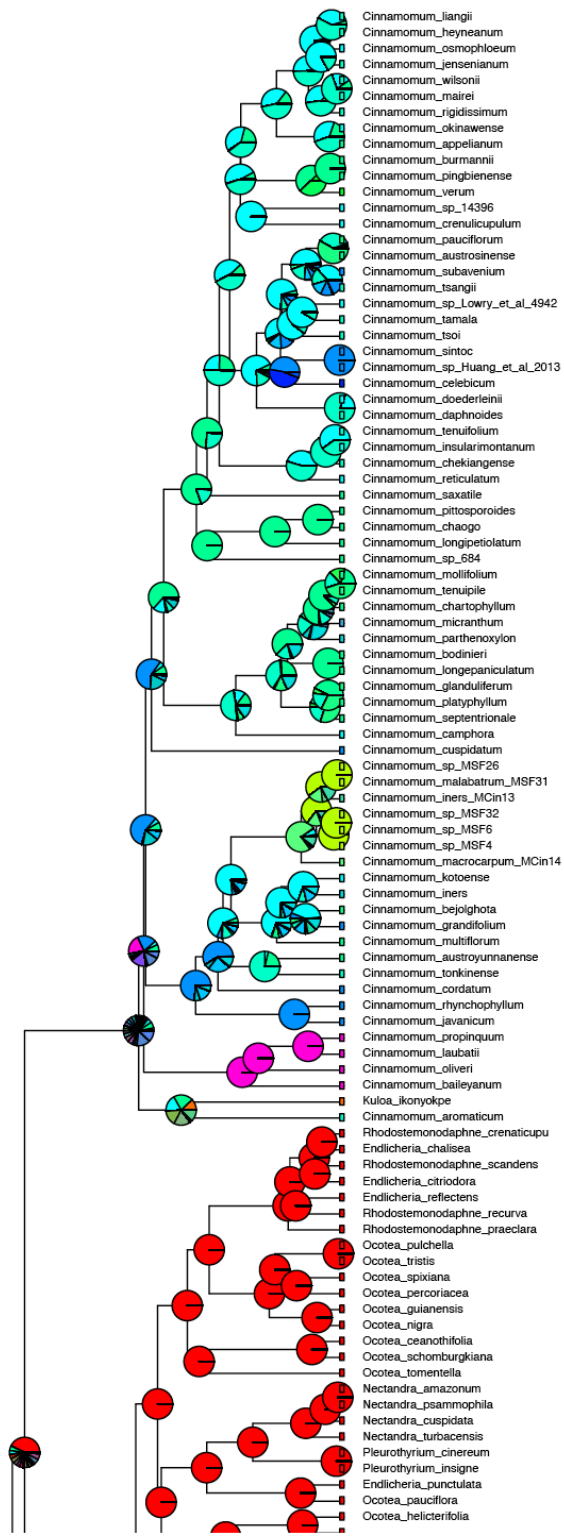
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A.5.6 Lauraceae

DEC+J Reconstruction



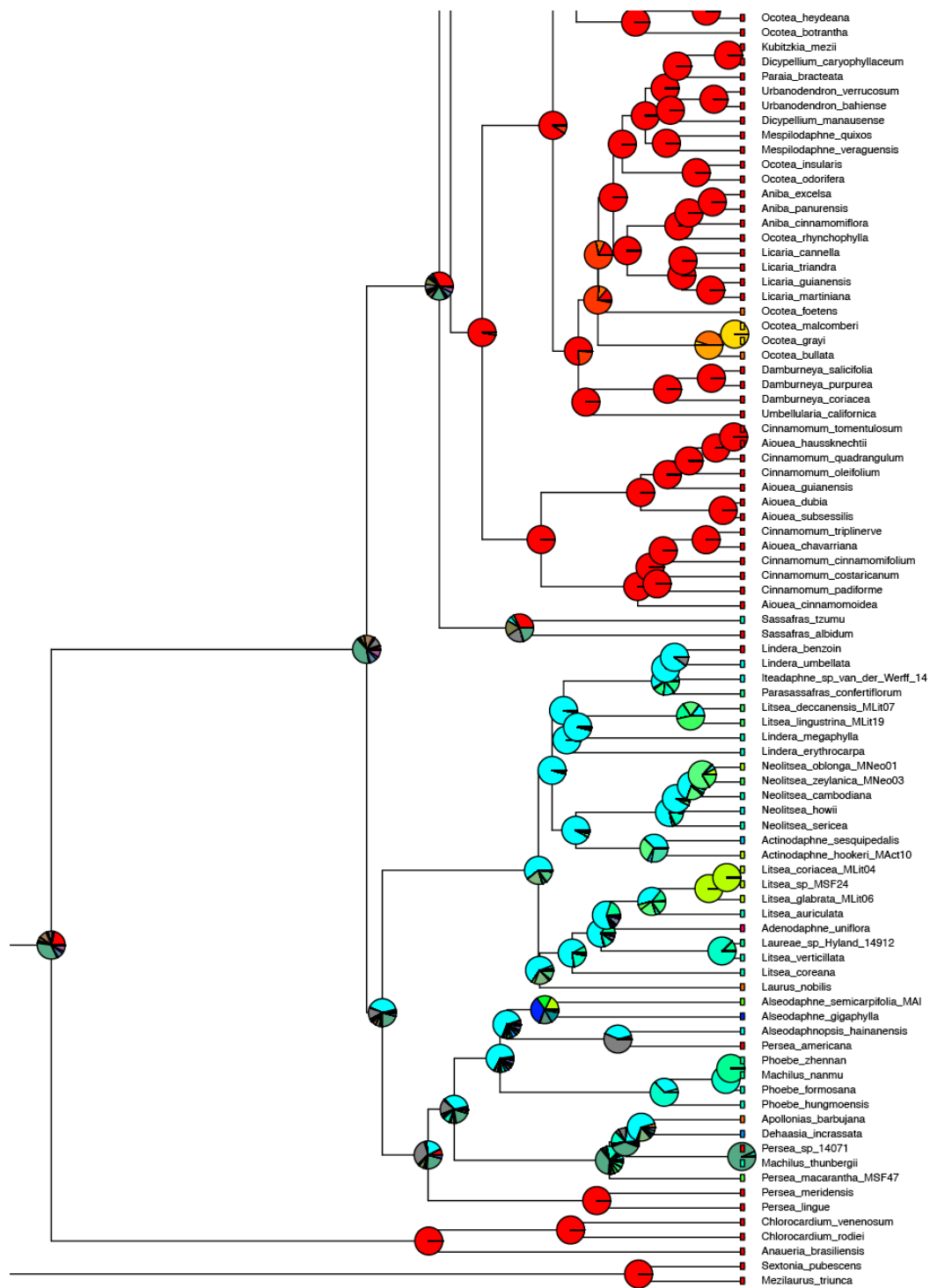


Figure A.6: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Lauraceae*.

Log Likelihood Values

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DIVALIKE	-502.4	3	0.0029	1.0e-12	0.0046	1011	5.3e-32
DIVALIKE+J	-502.4	3	0.0029	1.0e-12	0.0046	1011	5.3e-32
BAYAREALIKE	-431.1	3	0.0011	0.020	0.0053	868.1	0.50
BAYAREALIKE+J	-431.1	3	0.0011	0.020	0.0052	868.1	0.50

Table A.5: Log likelihood values for six biogeographic models run using BioGeoBEARS.

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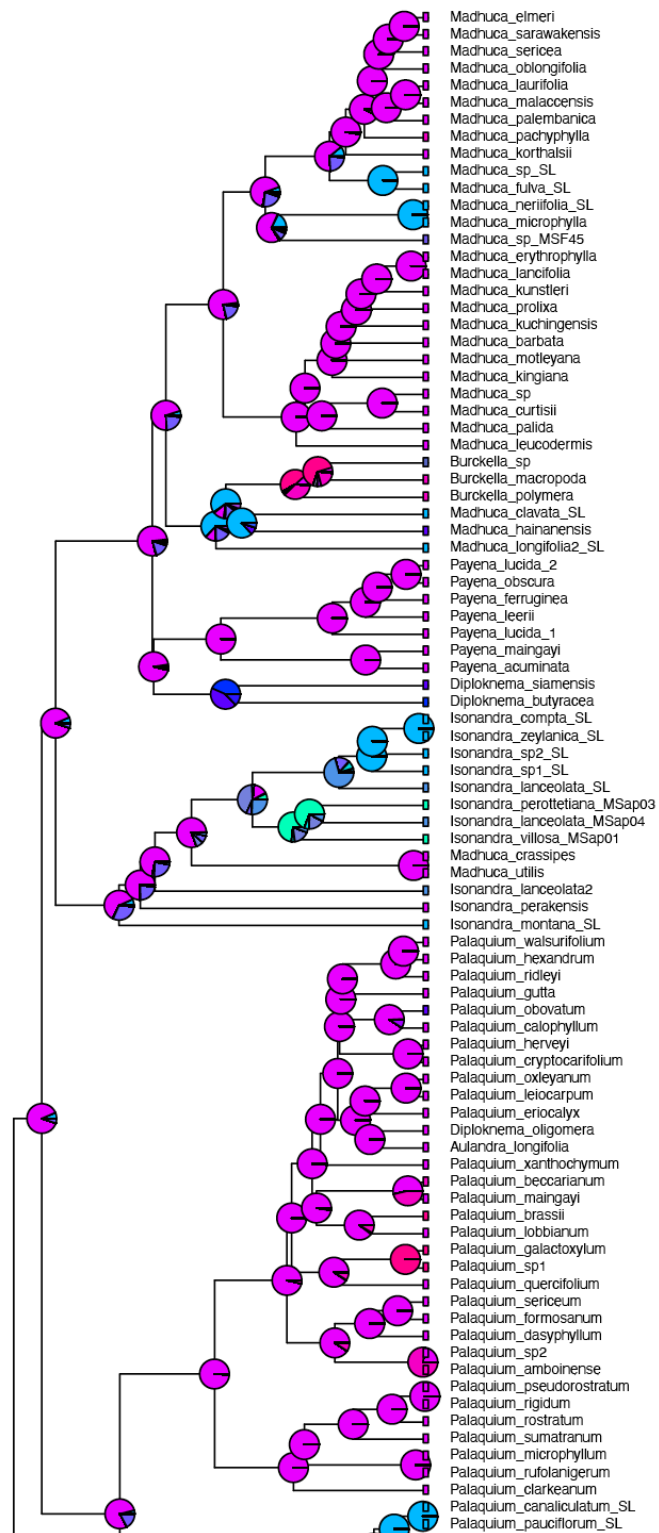
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A.5.7 Sapotaceae

DEC+J Reconstruction



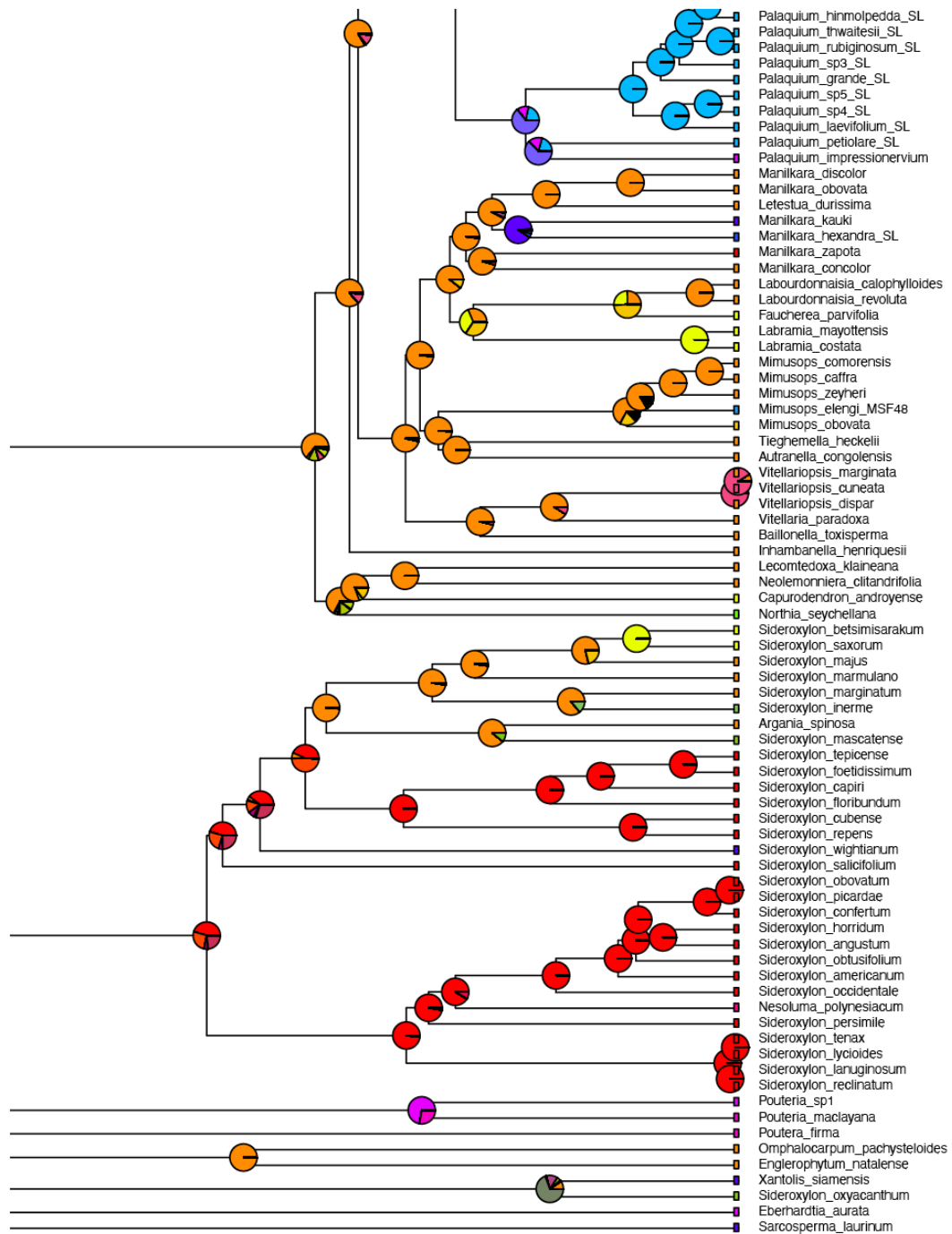


Figure A.7: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Sapotaceae*.

Log Likelihood Values

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DEC+J	-294.2	3	0.0010	1.0e-12	0.0084	594.4	1.00
DIVALIKE	-302.6	3	0.0010	1.0e-12	0.0095	611.2	0.0002
DIVALIKE+J	-302.6	3	0.0010	1.0e-12	0.0091	611.1	0.0002
BAYAREALIKE	-312.7	3	0.0007	1.0e-12	0.014	631.3	9.4e-09
BAYAREALIKE+J	-312.3	3	0.0008	1.5e-10	0.013	630.7	1.3e-08

Table A.6: Log likelihood values for six biogeographic models run using BioGeoBEARS.

Scored Geography

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Palaquium_laevifolium_SL 00000010000

Isonandra_lanceolata_SL 00000110010

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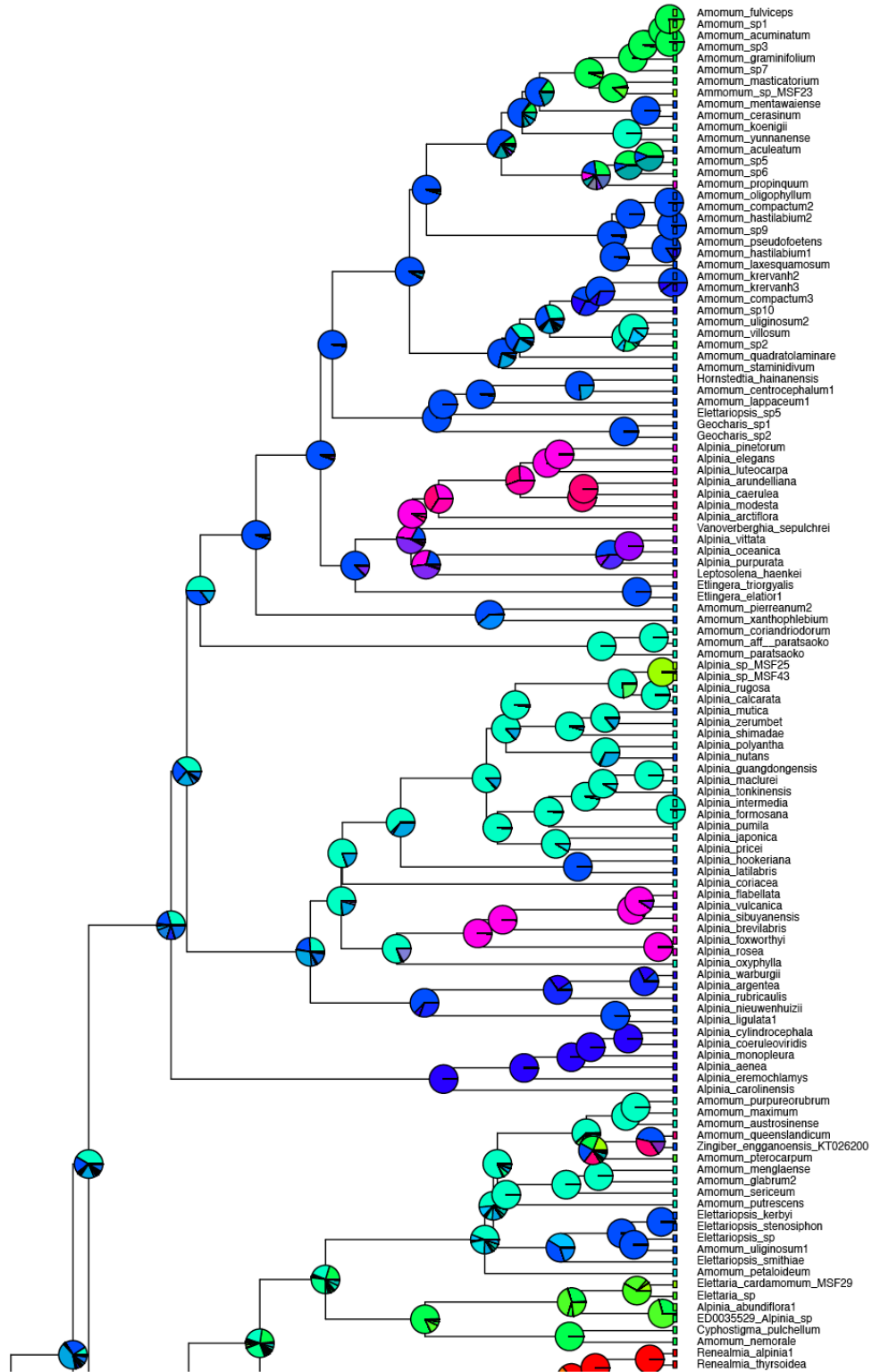
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A.4.8 Zingiberaceae

DEC+J Reconstruction



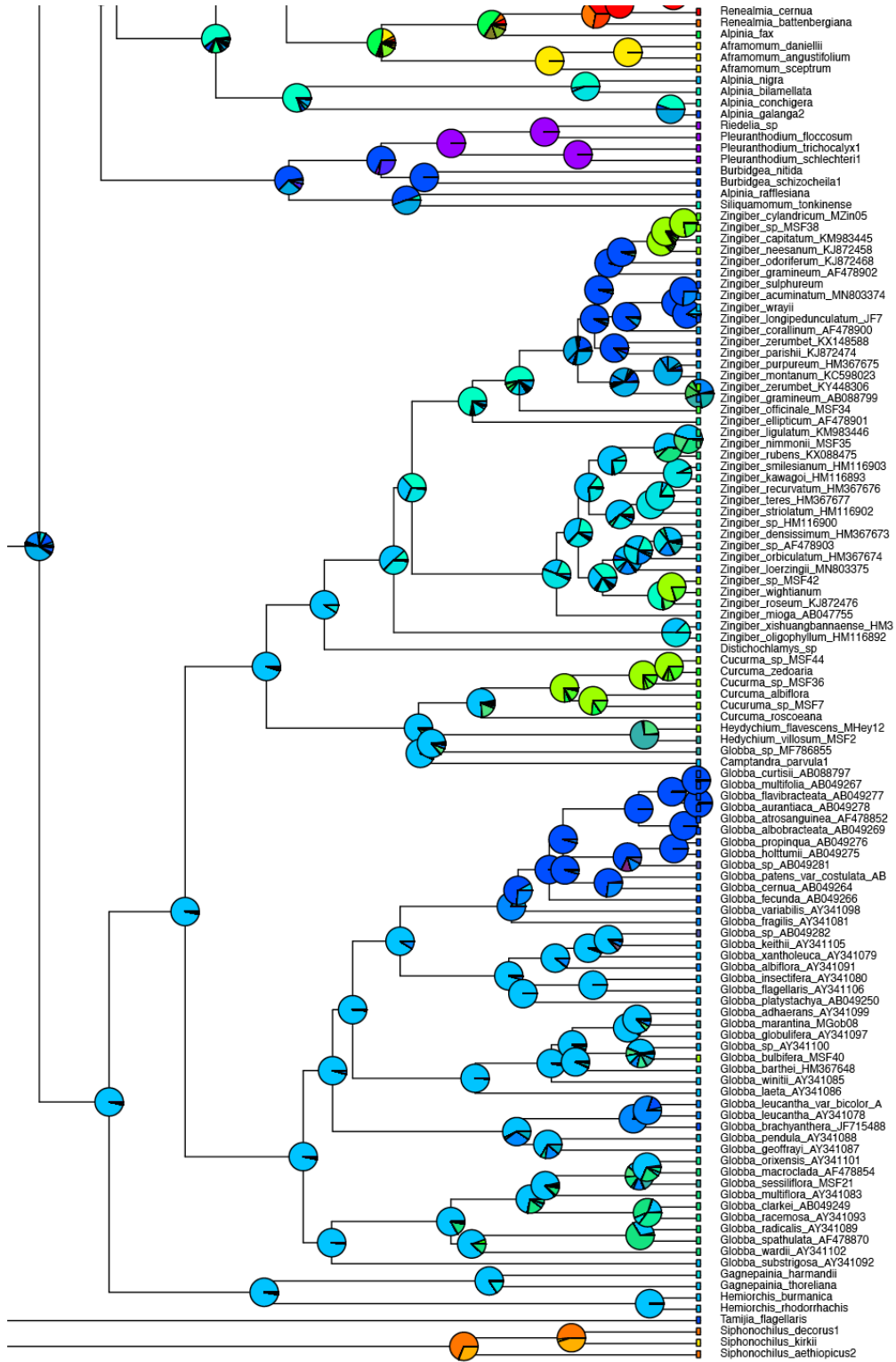


Figure A.8: DEC+J ancestral area reconstruction for the family *Zingiberaceae*.

Log Likelihood Values

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2	-688.7	3	0.0027	1.0e-12	0.012	1383	1.00
3	-704.8	3	0.0032	1.0e-12	0.0096	1416	1.1e-07
4	-704.8	3	0.0032	1.0e-12	0.0096	1416	1.1e-07

Table A.7: Log likelihood values for four biogeographic models run using BioGeoBEARS.

Scored Geography

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		M)											
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		Curcuma_zedoaria				0000110000000							
		Elettaria_sp			0001110000000								
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